

# Writing a Balanced Argument

## What is a balanced argument?

A balanced argument provides information on different points of view and does not lean towards one particular opinion. It allows the reader to make up their own mind.

**Use the following structure to help you write a balanced argument on one of these topics:**

- Should school uniform be compulsory in schools?
- Should capital and corporal punishment be made legal?
- Are zoos ethical?

**Begin your argument by stating the topic or issue.**

This argument is to discuss...

**State your first argument for and give evidence to back it up.**

The first point I would like to make is...

**State your second argument for and give evidence.**

Secondly...

**State your first argument against and give evidence.**

However...

**State your second argument against and give evidence.**

In support of this...

**Weigh up the evidence and conclude your argument.**

In conclusion, I feel that...

**Use the following words and phrases to help you link paragraphs and structure your writing:**

however	furthermore	therefore	except	alternatively	
hence	by comparison	additionally	likewise	in conclusion	also
although	to summarise	in comparison	overall	firstly	finally
for example	consequently	moreover	secondly	lastly	

**Remember to:**

- Write in a formal style.
- Use paragraphs and punctuate clearly.
- Make your point, provide evidence and explain.