

Discussions or Balanced Arguments

Purpose: To present arguments and information from differing viewpoints

Examples

- Should school children wear a uniform?
- Should dogs be kept on a lead in public places?

Structure

- Usually starts with a question
- Opening statement introducing the issue
 - Arguments for/against
 - Conclusion

Language Features

- Present tense
- Conjunctions
- Third person
- Impersonal voice
- Formal tone
- Technical vocabulary