



Discussion Text

Audience	Someone interested or involved in the topic under discussion
Purpose	To present a reasoned and balanced view of an issue
Typical Structure	<p>Opening paragraph that introduces the reader to the issue: Followed by a series of paragraphs in logical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either beginning with all the arguments for, followed by all the arguments against • or a series of contrasting points ending with a reasoned conclusion. • paragraphs usually begin with a topic sentence
Typical Language Features	<p>Connectives and signposts to guide the reader through the argument:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that help to add on and order ideas and views, e.g. the first reason, also, further, moreover • that help to introduce other viewpoints, e.g. however, on the other hand, many people believe that, it might be thought that • that help to conclude, e.g. in conclusion, having considered all the arguments, looking at this from both sides
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should healthy eating be compulsory? • Should children be allowed to choose where to sit? • How can we improve the playground?

Connectives adding on more information

- In addition
- Furthermore
- Moreover
- Additionally

Connectives signalling a different viewpoint:

- On the other hand
- Alternatively
- However
- It could be argued that

Useful words for introducing opinions

- believe
- think that
- suggest
- claim
- state