

I know the features of a balanced argument.

I can choose the balanced argument I will be writing about .

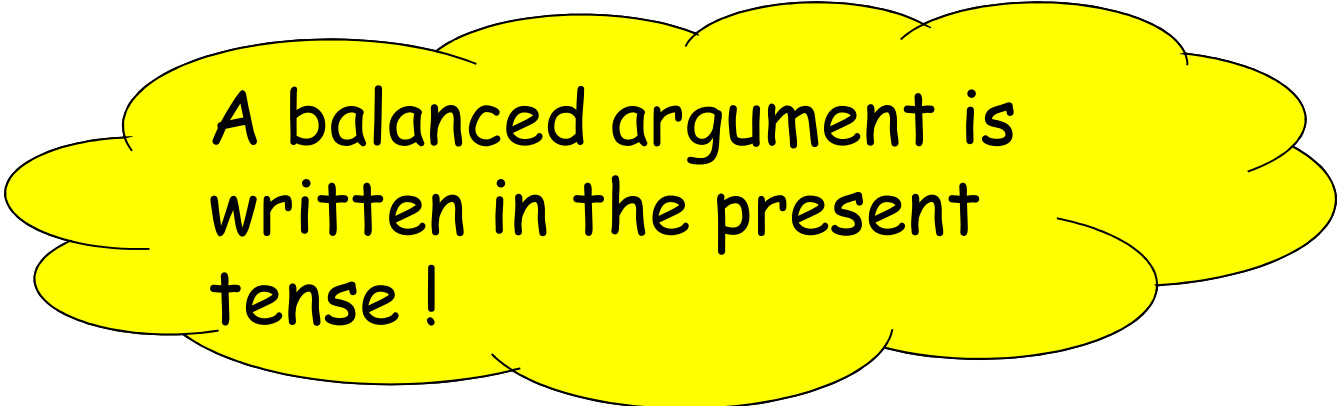
Think back to last year when you wrote a balanced argument on whether some of the rainforest should be cut down.

In the next few weeks you are going to be writing a balanced argument on an issue of your choice.

First of all read the following slides carefully to recap on the features of a balanced argument.

Features of a balanced argument.

It presents arguments and information from TWO different viewpoints.



A balanced argument is written in the present tense !

Writing a Balanced Argument.

Title

A simple statement or you can turn the title into a question, to draw attention to the issue.

Should mobile phones be banned in schools?

Introduction

A short opening, explaining how the issue came about.

You should include a few facts and figures to say what the situation is NOW.

Do not put any views of your own in this section.

The main paragraphs .

You should have two main paragraphs.

In one paragraph write your reasons **for** and then in the other paragraph your reasons **against** the argument (it doesn't matter which way round you do it).

Writing different two points of views.

You could start your main paragraph with 'Firstly'. Write about your first point of the argument.

To add more reasons you could use connectives like **Secondly** or **In addition to this** or **Also**, **Furthermore** or **Besides this** .

Then use a connective to put forward a counter argument **However.....** or **On the other hand.....**

Remember always try and give examples or evidence to back up your points.

Use 'Finally' to begin your last point.

Remember you do not give your opinion yet .

Conclusion

Begin with phrases like 'To sum up the argument' or 'In conclusion'.

At last you can give your own view, and conclude either in favour of or against the issue. You could give suggestions .

Now look at some ideas for your balanced argument. However, these are only ideas so you do not have to choose one of these , you can choose your own.

Should mobile phones be allowed in school?



Is graffiti art or vandalism?



Should football players earn so much money?



Should children have to wear school uniform?



When you have chosen your balanced argument send it to your teacher. You could start by using the word **Should**

Tomorrow we will start making notes for your writing.