

Discussion Texts

The purpose of a discussion text is to present arguments and information from differing viewpoints.

Discussion texts usually have this structure:

- Statement of the issue, often plus a preview of the main arguments
- Arguments for, plus supporting evidence (alternatively, argument/counter argument one point at a time)
- Arguments against, plus supportive evidence (alternatively, argument/counter argument one point at a time)
- Recommendation- summary and conclusion

Discussion texts are usually written in the present tense.

Points to check

- Have you been fair to both sides?
- Have you supported your views with reasons and evidence?
- In your conclusion, have you given a reason for what you have decided?

Here are some words and phrases you might find useful:

Therefore

However

But

Consequently

Although

Certainly

In addition

Including

On the other hand

Whatever

Also

Except

