


Writing to Discuss – Progression Document

	Examples/Planners	Text features	Sentence structure	Make it flow												
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Text Type Examples: Balanced argument, newspaper/radio article, review</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #FFD700;"> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Balanced Argument Example</th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Planning Template</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><u>WHY VISIT ANTARTICA?</u></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Since Roald Amundsen's team became the first humans to reach the South Pole on December 14th 1911, there has been much discussion about why explorers would want to visit Antarctica. This raging controversy is of vital importance because children in Y6 are suggesting that we have a class trip there as part of our topic.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Mr Nourse, friend of famous explorers, has argued that we should visit Antarctica because this would benefit us in many ways. Firstly, it would enable us to see penguins in their natural environment, giving us a greater understanding of how these wonderful creatures behave and live in the wild. Furthermore, it would help us to undertake research in order to further protect Antarctica. This would ensure that future generations are able to see Antarctica as we do today. Moreover, Mr Nourse argues that visiting Antarctica offers individuals a chance to embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and personal challenge.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">On the other hand, the large majority of people on Earth do not believe that visiting Antarctica is a wise suggestion. First of all, they point to the fact that when people have previously visited Antarctica, they have lost their lives due to the harsh conditions there. Furthermore, they add that diaries from previous explorers show that they miss their families too much and suffer from depression as a result of this. Additionally, they are worried that by visiting Antarctica we are adding to the melting of the polar ice caps as we travel on them.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Having considered the arguments from both sides, we believe that people should be encouraged to visit Antarctica as there is much to be gained from the whole experience. While the majority of people are usually correct, we have concluded that in this instance, Mr Nourse is a force to be reckoned with and we should take his advice.</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Discussion Writing Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p>Should</p> </div> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">For</th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</div> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Balanced Argument Example	Planning Template	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><u>WHY VISIT ANTARTICA?</u></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Since Roald Amundsen's team became the first humans to reach the South Pole on December 14th 1911, there has been much discussion about why explorers would want to visit Antarctica. This raging controversy is of vital importance because children in Y6 are suggesting that we have a class trip there as part of our topic.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Mr Nourse, friend of famous explorers, has argued that we should visit Antarctica because this would benefit us in many ways. Firstly, it would enable us to see penguins in their natural environment, giving us a greater understanding of how these wonderful creatures behave and live in the wild. Furthermore, it would help us to undertake research in order to further protect Antarctica. This would ensure that future generations are able to see Antarctica as we do today. Moreover, Mr Nourse argues that visiting Antarctica offers individuals a chance to embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and personal challenge.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">On the other hand, the large majority of people on Earth do not believe that visiting Antarctica is a wise suggestion. First of all, they point to the fact that when people have previously visited Antarctica, they have lost their lives due to the harsh conditions there. Furthermore, they add that diaries from previous explorers show that they miss their families too much and suffer from depression as a result of this. Additionally, they are worried that by visiting Antarctica we are adding to the melting of the polar ice caps as we travel on them.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Having considered the arguments from both sides, we believe that people should be encouraged to visit Antarctica as there is much to be gained from the whole experience. While the majority of people are usually correct, we have concluded that in this instance, Mr Nourse is a force to be reckoned with and we should take his advice.</p>	<div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Discussion Writing Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p>Should</p> </div> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">For</th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</div>	For	Against	Point 1 + evidence	Point 1 + evidence	Point 2 + evidence	Point 2 + evidence	Point 3 + evidence	Point 3 + evidence	<p>Relative Clauses Human immigration, which is becoming a major concern in Europe due to various factors, is something we need to understand more.</p> <p>Quotes Martin Luther King Jr famously said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”</p> <p>Complex lists People leave their home countries for various reasons: lack of employment; uninhabitable living conditions; war between state; reuniting the family.</p> <p>Parenthesis Refugees can request a right of asylum (protection by another country) if they are not safe to remain living in their country of birth.</p>	<p>Modal verbs must, mustn't will, won't shall, shall not would, wouldn't</p> <p>Adverbials Despite the negatives ... As a consequence of this ...</p> <p>Passive voice The laws are determined by the government.</p> <p>Technical vocabulary administration embassy</p> <p>Formal tone It is felt that the target is unrealistic and unachievable.</p> <p>Expanded noun phrases These alarming images coming to use from on board the boat.</p>	<p>Conjunctions FANBOYS ~ although ~ as ~ while ~ until ~ since</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>Connectives equally ~ likewise ~ many people believe ~ alternatively ~ rather than ~ whereas ~ consequently ~ hence ~ due to the fact</p>
Balanced Argument Example	Planning Template															
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><u>WHY VISIT ANTARTICA?</u></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Since Roald Amundsen's team became the first humans to reach the South Pole on December 14th 1911, there has been much discussion about why explorers would want to visit Antarctica. This raging controversy is of vital importance because children in Y6 are suggesting that we have a class trip there as part of our topic.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Mr Nourse, friend of famous explorers, has argued that we should visit Antarctica because this would benefit us in many ways. Firstly, it would enable us to see penguins in their natural environment, giving us a greater understanding of how these wonderful creatures behave and live in the wild. Furthermore, it would help us to undertake research in order to further protect Antarctica. This would ensure that future generations are able to see Antarctica as we do today. Moreover, Mr Nourse argues that visiting Antarctica offers individuals a chance to embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and personal challenge.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">On the other hand, the large majority of people on Earth do not believe that visiting Antarctica is a wise suggestion. First of all, they point to the fact that when people have previously visited Antarctica, they have lost their lives due to the harsh conditions there. Furthermore, they add that diaries from previous explorers show that they miss their families too much and suffer from depression as a result of this. Additionally, they are worried that by visiting Antarctica we are adding to the melting of the polar ice caps as we travel on them.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Having considered the arguments from both sides, we believe that people should be encouraged to visit Antarctica as there is much to be gained from the whole experience. While the majority of people are usually correct, we have concluded that in this instance, Mr Nourse is a force to be reckoned with and we should take his advice.</p>	<div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Discussion Writing Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p>Should</p> </div> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">For</th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 1 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 2 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> <td style="padding: 2px; font-size: x-small;">Point 3 + evidence</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</div>	For	Against	Point 1 + evidence	Point 1 + evidence	Point 2 + evidence	Point 2 + evidence	Point 3 + evidence	Point 3 + evidence							
For	Against															
Point 1 + evidence	Point 1 + evidence															
Point 2 + evidence	Point 2 + evidence															
Point 3 + evidence	Point 3 + evidence															

Year
6

Text Type Examples:

Balanced argument, newspaper/radio article, review

Radio Interview	Planning Template								
<p>SHOULD GALACTIC PARK BE CLOSED?</p> <p>RADIO ANNOUNCER Many of you are concerned that the redeveloped Galactic Park is now being closed. In this morning we have with us in the studio Mr White – the managing director of Galactic Park. If you have anything that you would like to discuss with Mr White, here's your chance. The time is right, so ring us now. Good morning everyone. Do you have something to say to Mr White?</p> <p>JOHANNA Well yes, Mr White, the Big Dipper has caused a lot of noise and concern for the people of North West. And now to have the Galactic Park with almost no access to the public. How can you justify what has happened?</p> <p>MR WHITE Johanna, I understand what you are saying, but all you have to do is put it in an historical context. Galactic Park is an historical site, which has been a part of our history for as long as people can remember. The building that has replaced the old park is a masterpiece of modern architecture. The Park has also provided millions of people with hours of enjoyment.</p> <p>RADIO ANNOUNCER We now have Russell from Royal Bay on the phone. Do please Russell.</p> <p>RUSSELL It is all well and good for Galactic Park to be an historical site, but to send the other residents of North West out of their homes, into the streets all night, listening to the noise of the Big Dipper, and to the expense of the people who... Who won't let things go for the public to be... ...the park must be closed. The answer is simple.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Writing Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Should</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">For</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Point 1 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>Point 1 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Point 2 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>Point 2 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Point 3 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>Point 3 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</p>	For	Against	Point 1 + evidence + elaboration	Point 1 + evidence + elaboration	Point 2 + evidence + elaboration	Point 2 + evidence + elaboration	Point 3 + evidence + elaboration	Point 3 + evidence + elaboration
For	Against								
Point 1 + evidence + elaboration	Point 1 + evidence + elaboration								
Point 2 + evidence + elaboration	Point 2 + evidence + elaboration								
Point 3 + evidence + elaboration	Point 3 + evidence + elaboration								

Relative Clauses

The North Sea, which covers an area of approximately 575,000 km², would flood all of the Eastern counties of England such as Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire if the water level rose dramatically.

Quotes

“This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. This is not something you can ‘like’ on Facebook.”
Greta Thunberg, Swedish environmental activist.

Complex lists

Many environmental issues arise due to climate change: more violent weather conditions; drought in vegetative areas; death of animal and plant species; flooding from rivers and lakes.

Parenthesis

This flooding - the worst in history – could wipe out millions of species. Oceans absorb 27% of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) in the atmosphere.

Modal verbs

May have
Might have
Ought to
Could have

Adverbials

Contrary to popular opinion ...
Owing to an increase in ...

Passive voice

The lands will be destroyed by the flood irreparably.

Technical vocabulary

hypothesis
carbon footprint

Formal tone

It is felt that the target is unrealistic and unachievable.

Subjunctive

It is imperative it be acted upon without delay.

Conjunctions

FANBOYS ~ although ~ as
~ while ~ until ~ since



Connectives

furthermore ~ moreover
~ contrary to ~
conversely ~ in spite of
this nevertheless ~ owing to ~ inevitably ~ the evidence suggests