

Tuesday

WALT: form a balanced argument

What Is a Balanced Argument?

A balanced argument looks at different points of view on an issue, providing arguments for and against. It presents a balanced set of arguments without leaning one way or the other.



When writing a balanced argument, it is important to remember that it doesn't matter whether you are for or against the issue to begin with. You must present both sides of the argument fairly.

Then, in the final paragraph, after balancing both sides of the argument, you can state which side you agree with.



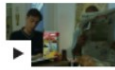
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Listen carefully - Make notes as you go!
Can you answer these questions?

Where was the man?

What was his writing task?


Does your opinion matter when writing a balanced argument?

Answers

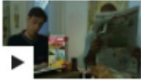


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Where was the man?

The top of Mount Snowdon

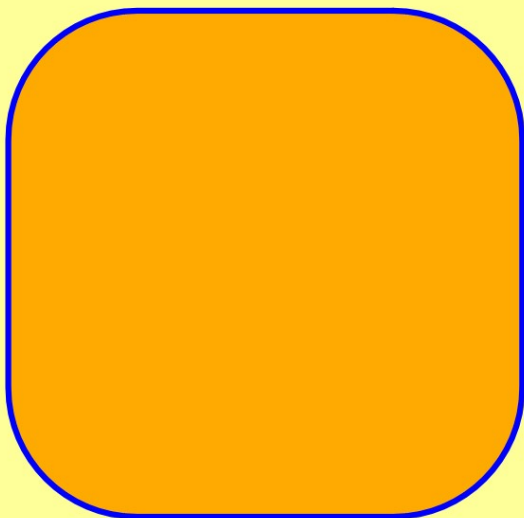
What was his writing task?

To write a discussion for
and against

Does your opinion matter when writing
a balanced argument?

No, needs to show both sides of
the story.


What key sentence starters
did the man refer to, to
help with writing your
argument?






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Answers

What key sentence starters did the man refer to, to help with writing your argument?


- * On the one hand
- * On the other hand
- * As well as
- * While
- * Similarly
- * However
- * Some people say
- * Other people say

Did you remember them?

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*When thinking about people going to Snowdon
what things did he list as important?*

A large orange rounded rectangle with a blue border, intended for a list of important things. It is positioned in the center of the page, below the question. The rectangle is empty, providing space for the user to write their answer.

Answers

*When thinking about people going to Snowdon
what things did he list as important?*



erosion



litter



spend



traffic



healthy



work

Did you remember them all?

We need to take these factors and put them into a planning frame / sheet.

Think about whether they were positive (for) or negative (against) factors.



For and Against Planning Sheet

	For	Against
Point 1 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	Work	Traffic
Point 2 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	Healthy	Litter
Point 3 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	Spend money	Erosion

Your task is to add the extra detail to each point made to say why this is a reason for or against people going to Snowdon.



For and Against Planning Sheet

	For	Against
Point 1 (Include any supporting evidence)	<i>Work</i> <i>On the one hand, work helps to provide jobs for the local people when they need to mend the pathways.</i>	<i>Traffic</i>
	<i>Healthy</i>	<i>Litter</i>
Point 3 (Include any supporting evidence)	<i>Spend money</i>	<i>Erosion</i>

What did the man on the film say?

- * On the one hand
- * On the other hand
- * As well as
- * While
- * Similarly
- * However
- * Some people say
- * Other people say



(Teacher example)

Metacognition

Your task is to add the extra detail to each point made to say why this is a reason for or against people going to Snowdon.



For and Against Planning Sheet

	For	Against
Point 1 (Include any supporting evidence)	<div> <p> <i>* On the one hand</i> <i>* On the other hand</i> <i>* As well as</i> <i>* While</i> <i>* Similarly</i> <i>* However</i> <i>* Some people say</i> <i>* Other people say</i> </p> </div>	Traffic
Point 2 (Include any supporting evidence)		Litter
Point 3 (Include any supporting evidence)	<div> <p>What did the man on the film say?</p> </div>	Erosion



(Teacher models)

Complete the planning sheet



For and Against Planning Sheet

	For	Against
Point 1 (Include any supporting evidence)	Work	Traffic
Point 2 (Include any supporting evidence)	Healthy	Litter
Point 3 (Include any supporting evidence)	Spend money	Erosion

You Do It Alone



(Independent)

Suggestions / Answers

For and Against Planning Sheet



	For	Against
Point 1 (Include any supporting evidence)	Work On the one hand, work helps to provide jobs for the local people when they need to mend the pathways.	Traffic However, the large number of people who come also have cars which increases the traffic in the local area.
Point 2 (Include any supporting evidence)	Healthy While walking the mountain is considered a healthy and beneficial thing to do for exercise and our mental health.	Litter On the other hand, the increase in the number of visitors causes an increase in the amount of rubbish discarded on the route.
Point 3 (Include any supporting evidence)	Spend money Some people say that the volume of people visiting is a good thing as they spend their money in the local cafes and shops.	Erosion Other people say, that this is an issue as the pathways become worn away by number of people walking on them.