

Wednesday

WALT: use persuasive language to
write a balanced argument

ASSESSED PIECE OF WORK

RECALL

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.

Writing a Persuasive Letter

Recipient's Address

The address of the person you are writing to.

Hammersville State School
143 Ronan Street
Hammersville
QLD 4111

Author's Name and Address

Your name and address.

Mason Bennett
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Brian Hill
QLD 4110

Greeting

Your friendly hello.

Dear Principal Aseesh,

Introduction

A brief explanation of the opinion you are going to express.

I am writing to **insist** that you allow our school to play rugby league as an official school sport. **My reasons are** very clear and simple - it **would** be our passion for rugby league. As we support the Queensland Maroons, it **would** be an opportunity for rugby league fans to follow in their heroes' footsteps and it **would** get girls playing in a male-dominated sport.

Firstly, as Queenslanders, we are passionate and unwavering supporters of rugby league. It can be a long and tiresome wait for the State of Origin campaign to begin. **If we were to** play rugby league at school, **it would** be like having our own school State of Origin all year round! The students playing **would** also be passionate and try hard, as many of them are already rugby league players.

Secondly, I know so many of my fellow students and I are outlandish about the greatest rugby league team to ever play... The Queensland Maroons. My friends and I often talk about our favourite players and watch them on television. **If we were to** play rugby league at school, I **would** be an honorary Maroon! Players such as Cameron Smith and Greg Inglis are phenomenal role models for the students of our schools and we would love to play like them one day.

Finally, rugby league is currently only played by men. **This is highly unfair!** There are lots of girls in my class that are very talented **at sports**. **I think** these girls **should** be treated the same as me and have the chance to play rugby league.

Principal Aseesh, Hammersville State School is already a magnificent school. **Please** make it even more so **by** bringing rugby league to our school!

Reasons

A sensibly ordered list of reasons, including time conjunctions.

Yours sincerely,

Mason Bennett

Signature

A polite farewell and your name.

Conclusion

A strong final statement.

What does a finished letter look like?

We will concentrate on writing the middle section: our reasons

Our task is to write a balanced argument for and against homeschooling.

There are other Word Mats which will help you

Writing to Persuade

Imperative Verbs	Persuasive Word Choices
buy	amazing
campaign	brand-new
create	brilliant
demand	delightful
expect	extraordinary
explain	fantastic
forget	flawless
halt	incredible
imagine	magnificent
leave	never-before-seen
purchase	newly designed
reduce	one of a kind
say goodbye to...	spectacular
stand up for...	splendid
stop	unique
use	wonderful

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 For centuries,
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Rhetorical Questions

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 Certainly...
 Specifically...
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Other Words

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 Other people say

There are many arguments for and against homeschooling

Top 15 Benefits of Homeschooling

Parents have the opportunity to:

- Determine the curriculum and their children's schooling schedule
- Demonstrate to their children that education is fun
- Create strong bonds with their children
- Adapt teaching methods best suiting how their children learn
- Spend extra time with their children on difficult concepts and move ahead after children master a subject or concept
- Create a flexible schedule not possible for children enrolled in public school
- Provide religious and ethical instruction for their children
- Shelter children from school violence, drugs, and other negative behaviors children in public schools frequently encounter
- Provide their children with the personal interaction that teachers in large classrooms are not able to provide
- Spend extra time helping their children develop any special talents they possess, including musical, athletic, etc
- Discuss controversial topics at their discretion with their children
- Enjoy spending more time with their children
- Assist their children during adolescence and other trying times
- Draw closer to their spouse as they homeschool their children together
- Take their children on vacations when public school is still in session

Top 10 Potential Disadvantages of Homeschooling

Homeschooling parents are required to:

- Be around their children all day long. This can be difficult when children become restless and misbehave
- Frequently explain their reasons for homeschooling their children to friends and relatives unsympathetic or confused about their decision
- Restrain anger and remain patient when children struggle with learning
- Effectively handle the difficulties of moving at a slower pace than public school instruction
- Spend large amounts of money on books and other learning materials
- Constantly adapt to be effective teachers
- Constantly motivate their children
- Speak with other people homeschooling their children to get ideas about solving difficult problems if they're unsure about the best course of action
- Spend time reviewing numerous curriculum programs up to their standards and best suiting their children's learning needs
- Spend more time finding playmates and friends for their children in similar circumstances







How do you find the best ones?

Map out all your ideas then choose your three favourite points for both sides of the argument.

Arguments for and Against Homeschooling

You need a planning sheet!

For and Against Planning Sheet

<i>Parents have the opportunity to:</i>		<i>Homeschooling parents are required to:</i>
	For	Against
Point 1 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	 Determine the curriculum and their children's schooling schedule.	 Spend time reviewing numerous curriculum programs up to their standards and best suiting their children's learning needs.
Point 2 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	 Spend extra time with their children on difficult concepts and move ahead after children master a subject or concept.	 Restrain anger and remain patient when children struggle with learning.
Point 3 <small>(Include any supporting evidence)</small>	 Spend extra time helping their children develop any special talents they possess, including musical, athletic etc.	 Spend more time finding playmates and friends for their children in similar circumstances.

How do you turn these arguments into a persuasive letter?

Can you remember
the first argument in
the example?

Parents have the opportunity to:	
	For
Point 1 (Include any supporting evidence)	Determine the curriculum and their children's schooling schedule.

Don't forget the counterargument (Against - Point 1)!

Homeschooling parents are required to:	
	Against
	Spend time reviewing numerous curriculum programs up to their standards and best suiting their children's learning needs.

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Now say why this is good.

Many parents believe that homeschooling should be the way that children are taught. **Firstly**, they argue that they can determine the curriculum and their children's schooling schedule to suit the needs of their family life as well as the needs of the individual child. **On the one hand**, whilst this may benefit some young people and give them **incredible** opportunities, **for example** some parents may have a keen interest in History and take trips to gain life experiences. **However**, sadly this will not be the case for all. **On the other hand**, parents will need to spend an **extraordinary** amount of time reviewing numerous curriculum programs to meet their standards and the learning needs of their child. **Do you really want your parents to create your curriculum?**

Writing to Persuade

Persuasive Word Choices	Rhetorical Questions
<p>amazing</p> <p>brand-new</p> <p>brilliant</p> <p>delightful</p> <p>extraordinary</p> <p>fantastic</p> <p>flawless</p> <p>incredible</p> <p>magnificent</p> <p>never before seen</p> <p>newly designed</p> <p>one of a kind</p> <p>spectacular</p> <p>splendid</p> <p>unique</p> <p>wonderful</p>	<p>Do you really want...?</p> <p>Do you think...?</p> <p>Have you longed for a solution to...?</p> <p>Have you always wanted...?</p> <p>Have you considered...?</p> <p>Have you tried...?</p> <p>How can you live without...?</p> <p>What are you waiting for?</p> <p>What is better than...?</p> <p>Why don't you...?</p> <p>Why not try...?</p>

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Point 2
(Include any supporting evidence)

➡ Spend extra time with their children on difficult concepts and move ahead after children master a subject or concept.

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