

Writing a Balanced Argument

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Begin your argument by stating the topic or issue:

This argument is to discuss _____

State your first argument for and give evidence to back it up:

The first point I would like to make is _____



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State your second argument for and give evidence:

Secondly _____

State your first argument against and give evidence:

However _____

State your second argument against and give evidence:

In addition _____

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Weigh up the evidence and conclude your argument:

In conclusion, I feel that _____

Use the following words and phrases to help you link paragraphs and structure your writing:

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likewise	also	for example	hence
additionally	alternatively	to summarise	although
moreover	finally	by comparison	furthermore
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