Discussion

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debate, conversation, talkback radio	To examine issues from more than one perspective	• Statement outlining the issue • Arguments for and against • A conclusion	• use of thinking verbs, e.g. feel, believe, hope • use of connectives, e.g. on the other hand, however

Voice	Grammar Focus
ACTIVE VOICE: (I, my, you)'I think that…' 'In my opinion…'	•Use of general nouns to make statements about categories, e.g. Uniforms, alcohol •Use of relating verbs to provide information about the issues, e.g. Smoking is harmful •Use of thinking verbs to express the writer's personal view, e.g. Feel, believe, hope •Use of additive, contrast and causal connectives to link arguments, e.g. Similarly, on the other hand, however •Use of detailed noun groups to provide information in a compact way, e.g. The dumping of unwanted kittens •Use of varying degrees of modality, e.g. Perhaps, must, should, might •Use of adverbials of manner, e.g. Deliberately, hopefully

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Statement of Issue:

★Definition
★Background
★Preview

Arguments For:

★Point
★Elaboration

Arguments Against:

★Point
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Arguments For:

★Point
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Arguments Against:

★Point
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Conclusion:

Recommendation: (Optional)

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the use of who is writing/ speaking - general (passive) and personal (active)	(I, my, you) `I think that…' `In my opinion…' `I believe…'