



Writing a Balanced Argument.



Title

A simple statement or question to draw attention to the issue.



Should mobile phones
be banned in schools?

Paragraph 1

Introduction

A **short** opening, explaining how the issue came about.
Do **not** put any views of your own in this section.

Paragraph 2

Points 'for'

Start this section with '**Firstly**'. Write about your first point in favour of the argument but do not put your own point of view yet.

Paragraph 3

Points 'for'

Begin your next point with '**Secondly**' or '**In addition to this**' but still do not give your own opinion.

Points 'for'

Use '**Also**' or '**In addition**' to begin your final point in favour of the argument. Try to give evidence to support the point if you can.

Paragraph 4



Paragraph 5

Points 'Against'

Begin with '**However**' and put your first point against the argument without giving your own view.

Paragraph 6

Points 'Against'

Continue to put your points 'against', introducing them with formal words such as '**In addition**', '**Also**' or '**Furthermore**'.

Points 'Against'

Use '**Finally**' to begin your last point. Still do not give your opinion.

Paragraph 7

Conclusion

Paragraph 8

Begin with '**To sum up the argument**' or '**In conclusion**'. **At last** you can give your own views if you wish, and conclude either in favour of or against the issue. Or finish with a question to challenge your readers to make up their own minds!