

Balanced argument – Should deforestation be banned?

Your writing activity this week is to write a balanced argument about deforestation. A balanced argument means that you need to provide an equal amount of points for and against something. Use this planning structure to help you organise your writing.

Introduction - why are you writing this balanced argument?	
Reasons FOR deforestation - make sure you explain your reasons and give evidence	
Reasons AGAINST deforestation - make sure you explain your reasons and give evidence	
Conclusion - weigh up the evidence and give YOUR OWN OPINION.	

Balanced argument success criteria:

- ✓ Written in a formal style
- ✓ Structured using paragraphs
- ✓ Written in the 3rd person.
- ✓ Conclusion includes writers OWN opinion and is written in 1st person.
- ✓ Evidence to 'back up' points.
- ✓ Equal amount of points for and against
- ✓ It is interestingly written
- ✓ It includes year 6 punctuation such as: brackets, colons, dashes and commas to separate clauses.

Useful Words and Phrases

Causal/Contrasting Conjunctions and Adverbials

Use some of these useful words and phrases to help write your argument.

Firstly	Secondly	On the one hand	As a result
Because	Consequently	Due to	For this reason
Hence	Thus	In consequence	Nevertheless
In conclusion	In order to	In this way	Otherwise
An outcome of	Since	So that	Subsequently
Therefore	Accordingly	Although	Many people
Some people	Though	Even though	While
On the other hand	However	On the flip side	Despite this
Otherwise	Nonetheless	On balance	

