Mastering the Discussion Text

Explore the Debate: Weigh Up the Facts with Max and Zara!

■ The Introduction: Clearly state the issue and acknowledge that there are different points of view without showing bias.

■ The Arguments For: Use formal language to present the strengths or positive reasons for a particular perspective, backed up by evidence.

■ The Arguments Against: Provide the alternative viewpoint, ensuring the tone remains objective and respectful.

■ Cohesive Devices: Use conjunctions and adverbials such as 'conversely', 'furthermore', 'on the other hand' and 'nevertheless' to link ideas.

■ The Conclusion: Summarise the main arguments and provide a concluding thought, often leaving the final decision to the reader.

Did you know? Did you know? A great discussion text doesn't tell the reader what to think! Instead, it acts like a scale, carefully balancing the pros and cons of an issue so the reader can make their own informed decision.

Key vocabulary: Balanced argument · Counter-argument · Conjunctions · Formal tone · Objective · Perspective · Rebuttal