Watching Television Is a Waste of Time

You are going to write a discussion for and against the statement: 'Watching television is a waste of time.'

Imagine that you have to present this speech to a group of adults who are thinking about buying a new television.

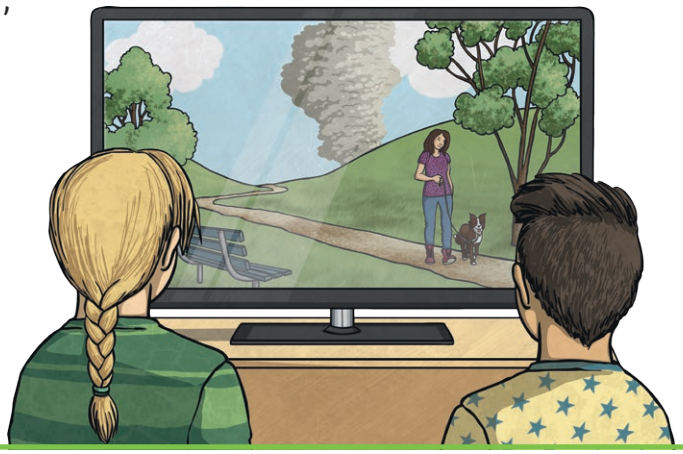
Think about the positive and negative impacts of watching television. Think about the money that will be spent, the time that could be spent doing other important things, and what happens to the environment because of the use of electricity.

Remember that a discussion text is written to show both sides of an argument or issue!
Before you begin your writing, think about the following:

- Introduction: It states that different people or groups have different opinions. What is the issue?
- Arguments: Think about why watching television might be good. Think about why watching television might be bad.
- Conclusion: Think about a conclusion and how you will end the discussion. You may like to give your opinion and sum up the argument with your own recommendation.

Remember to:

- plan your writing;
- use persuasive words;
- start a new paragraph for every new argument you are making;
- use connectives, such as 'however', 'therefore', 'on the other hand', 'also', 'so', 'but', 'and';
- write in past or present tense using second or third person;
- read over your work to check for any parts that may need editing;
- make your position clear and use evidence and reasons to support your ideas.



Discussion Writing Planner

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Introduction

First idea and supporting evidence for the argument

Second idea and supporting evidence for the argument

First idea and supporting evidence against the argument

Second idea and supporting evidence against the argument

Conclusion

Connective Language Ideas

Persuasive Language Ideas

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