

6.55 Should New Zealanders plant more trees?

Topic: Conservation

Subtopic: Energy sources

Activity type/skill: Text organisation

Literacy focus: Writing

Genre: Persuasive texts

Objective

- Introduce the organisation of an argument.
- Identify the structure of an argument.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Look at the first page of the student worksheet and explain to students that writing a response to a question requires them to give their opinion and reasons to support it.
2. Talk through the parts of the text and have students identify these:
 - Question as title.
 - Body of the text in four paragraphs.
 - Opening statement of opinion and overview of reasons. Point out the use of 'I think...' followed by wording from the title.
 - Reasons that support the opinion that form paragraphs with a temporal conjunction (Firstly), a main idea/topic sentence and details relevant to the main idea.
 - Closing statement that links to the opinion stated in the opening paragraph.
3. Look at the second page of the student worksheet and explain that the paragraphs are in jumbled order. Have them find the opening statement and label it.
4. Draw attention to how a negative opinion is expressed. Talk about the paragraphs giving reasons. Have them identify the main idea in these paragraphs and find the supporting detail.
5. Have them label the other parts of the text.

Should New Zealanders plant more trees?

I think New Zealanders should plant more trees for two reasons.

Firstly, trees prevent too much carbon dioxide getting into the air because they store carbon dioxide. Too much carbon dioxide in the air results in climate change.

Secondly, birds live in trees. If we cut down too many trees, some birds will lose their homes. If they lose their homes, they might die.

So, we should stop cutting down our forests and plant more trees.



Title

Opening

Reason 1 + details

Reason 2 + details

Closing

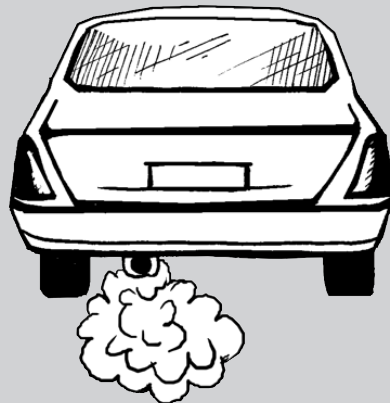
Should cars be allowed in the city?

Secondly, cars are dangerous. A lot of people walk in the city and cars can hit them. The city would be safer if there were no cars.

These are the reasons I think cars shouldn't be allowed in the city.

I think cars shouldn't be allowed in the city. If there are no cars, the city will be less polluted and safer.

Firstly, cars cause pollution. Pollution from cars is increasing because there are more and more cars on the roads. If cars were not allowed in the city, there would be less pollution.



Four horizontal rounded rectangular boxes stacked vertically, intended for writing answers or notes.