

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Opinion

Introduction to the subject -
Statement of position

Arguments

Reinforcement of
position statement**A SWIMMING POOL IN OUR COMMUNITY**

I think the council should provide a swimming pool for our community.

Firstly, swimming is very good exercise and will make the people in our community healthier.

Secondly, there isn't very much for the young people to do in our community. A pool would mean the young people would have somewhere fun and safe to go and they wouldn't get into trouble.

Thirdly, anyone who is a very good swimmer could train to compete in races like the Olympics.

Finally, children should learn to swim so they don't drown if they fall in the water.

So you can see there are many reasons why we should have a pool in our community.

Language Features

Use of modality, e.g. should, could

Use of complex sentences, e.g. Finally children should learn to swim so they don't drown if they fall in the water.

Use of connectives to sequence arguments, e.g. firstly, secondly, finally

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is, have

Use of conjunctions to show reasoning, e.g. so

Use of compound sentences, e.g. Swimming is very good exercise and will make the people in our community healthier.

Use of adjectives, e.g. good, healthier, fun, safe