

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1

Text Structure - Opinion/Argument Title

Statement of position

Arguments

Reinforcement of position statement

SHOULD STUDENTS WEAR HATS AT SCHOOL ?

I believe that you should always wear a hat at school during the summer terms when you are outside, to stop you from getting sunburnt.

Firstly, if you don't wear a hat, you will get sunburnt and sunburn is painful.

Secondly, sunburn could lead to skin cancer when you get older and we don't want to get cancer.

In addition, hats can stop you getting headaches from the heat.

So, everyone in our school, including the teachers, should wear hats at lunchtimes during summer.

Language Features

Use of general nouns, e.g. hats

Use of technical words, e.g. cancer

Use of action verbs, e.g. wear

Use of thinking verbs, e.g. believe

Use of modality to reinforce argument, e.g. should

Use of complex sentences, e.g. Firstly, if you don't wear a hat, you will get sunburnt and sunburn is painful.

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

Use of connectives to show logical connections between and conclude arguments, e.g. so, in addition