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Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1



15. can read, understand and respond to a simple opinion

READING, UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING

Text Structure - Opinion

Title

Statement of position

Arguments

Reinforcement of position statement

LET'S KEEP NATIONAL PARKS

I think it is very important to have National Parks. As we all know, National Parks are used for playing, picnics and bushwalking. National Parks help to protect natural environments for plants, animals and people.

Firstly, people who live in cities enjoy going to National Parks to get away from the noise and pollution. They like the clean air and the quiet.

Another reason why National Parks are important is that they provide a place where native animals and plants will be safe and survive. If their natural environment is destroyed, the plants and animals may become extinct. Also, people of the future will not be able to see these plants and animals in their natural environment.

In conclusion, we should keep National Parks because they are very important for preserving the natural environment.

Language Features

Use of technical words, e.g. environment, pollution

Use of thinking verbs, e.g. think

Use of modality, e.g. should

Use of complex sentences, e.g. Another reason why National Parks are important is that they provide a place where native animals and plants will be safe and survive.

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

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

Use of connectives to conclude argument, e.g. in conclusion