

Australian Curriculum

- aligned with the new Australian Curriculum
- grade 5 standard
- ideal for NAPLAN preparation
- British/Australian spelling used in this resource

Persuasive Writing

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EVIDENCE IN WRITING

What is evidence in persuasive writing?

Evidence is a persuasive writing technique that helps your writing sound more professional and

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Anecdotal
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Statistical
Evidence that presents numbers to support a point of view.

Textual
Evidence that comes from a document, like a book or essay.

Hypothetical
Evidence that

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Evidence examples

Anecdotal
"My friend hasn't been to the beach in years." comments, and she

Statistical
"In a survey that interviewed 100 people, 75% said they prefer the beach."

Textual
"The beach is a beautiful place with clean sand and clear water."

Testimonial
"I've been to the beach many times and it's always a great experience."

Hypothetical
"If I had a beach house, I would love to live there."

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EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE

Read the persuasive text

The Need to Protect the Environment

Our planet is an incredible place. It is full of beautiful landscapes, amazing animals, and wonderful plants. But it needs our help to stay clean and healthy.

Pollution and waste are harmful to the ecosystem. One simple way to help is by recycling plastic. This reduces the amount of waste in land-fill and stops plastic from going into waterways. Recycling glass means that jars and containers can be reused and made into something new.

Saving energy is another way to help the planet. A simple thing to do is switch off the lights when you leave a room and turn off electronics. These small actions make a big difference.

Taking care of the outside world is also important. Planting trees and caring for them helps to make more oxygen and keep the air fresh. A study from the Environmental Protection Organisation shows that the air quality around trees is 50% cleaner than the air near a highway.

It is never too late to start caring for the environment. Take a look around your home and see what change you can make today!

Fill in the information

Protecting the environment is important.

What is the main argument?

What are 3 pieces of evidence to support the argument?

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Statistical.

What piece of evidence do you find most convincing? Why?

That saving energy is an easy way to protect the planet because it is something we can all do.



Analytical Skills

- students analyse persuasive writing samples
- identify key arguments
- recognise evidence types

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Anecdotal "My friend started taking vitamin C supplements, and she hasn't caught a cold in over a year, so they must be very effective."

Statistical "In a survey of 5,000 high school students, 85% reported that they felt more engaged in classes that incorporated interactive technology compared to traditional lectures."

"In his book *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell argues that it takes approximately 10,000 hours of practice to master a skill. This claim is supported by numerous examples of experts in various fields."

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Informative Topics

- 5 different topics
- feature variety of persuasive writing techniques
 - The Importance of Reading Books
 - The Fun of Learning New Things
 - The Joy of Having a Pet
 - The Need to Protect the Environment
 - The Benefit of Playing Sport

Two sample persuasive writing worksheets are shown, one slightly behind the other, both from a spiral-bound notebook. Each worksheet is titled "Persuasive Writing" and includes fields for "Name:" and "Date:". The main heading is "EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE". Each worksheet is divided into two columns: "Read the persuasive text" and "Fill in the information".

The top worksheet's text reads:
Read the persuasive text
The Joy of Having a Pet
Having a pet brings unconditional joy and happiness into your life. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and even fish make for wonderful companions at home.
Imagine coming home from school and being greeted by a wagging tail or a purring kitty. Pets are always there for you, ready to play, cuddle, or keep you company.
Imagine feeling mood and prod your body. Smi
Fill in the information
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The bottom worksheet's text reads:
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The Benefits of Playing Sport
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Playing sports is one of the best things you can do for your body and mind. Whether it's soccer, basketball, or swimming, being active helps keep you fit and healthy.
When you play sports, your muscles become stronger, and you improve coordination. Plus, you get more energy because of the endorphins sport creates.
Playing sports is also a great way to meet new friends. You learn how to work as part of a team which is important for communication and cooperation. A local football coach said that one of the best things about the season was watching the teammates become such good friends.
Sports give you the chance to challenge yourself and set goals. You never know what you might achieve! Even playing sports can help you do better at school. A study found that The National University's sports school found that students who play a weekend sport have better concentration throughout the school week.
So, get your sneakers, grab a ball, and join a team. You'll be happier, and have loads of fun. Let's play sports and enjoy all the great benefits they bring.
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What piece of evidence do you find most convincing? Why?

Anchor Chart

- useful anchor chart
- detailed look at different types of evidence

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Evidence is a persuasive writing technique that helps your writing sound more professional and convincing. It adds credibility and authority to the tone of a writing piece.

Without evidence, your writing becomes less convincing.

There are three main types of evidence including statistical, anecdotal, and textual.

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Textual	"In his book <i>Outliers</i> , Malcolm Gladwell argues that it takes approximately 10,000 hours of practice to master an activity, supporting this claim with numerous examples from various disciplines."
Testimonial	"Sarah, a professional nutritionist with over 15 years of experience, promotes the Mediterranean diet, stating that it has significantly improved her clients' overall health and well-being."
Hypothetical	"Imagine if every household switched to solar power; the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions could be equivalent to taking millions of cars off the road."



Independent Learning

- students can work independently
- be guided by the consistent template

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No Preparation Needed

- ready to print
- easy to implement
- support opinion writing unit
- lots of independent practice for students

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Learning new things can be so much fun! Whether it's a new hobby, a sport, or a subject in school, discovering something new is exciting and rewarding.

When you try new things, you open a new world of possibility. It can be a sport, a musical instrument, or baking a new recipe – there are many things to try. Trying new things helps you become a risk-taker and give you confidence.

Learning new things helps to keep your brain focused. It gives you creative thinking and problem-solving skills. Dr. Edward Smith, a lecturer at a top university, recently reported that students who do lots of learning activities have improved cognitive abilities.

Trying new activities is also good for your social skills. You can meet new friends when you join an activity group and learn from new people. Whether it is coding, or painting, or dancing, you are sure to have a good time!

When was the last time you tried something new? There is no better time than now to give something new a go. You might discover your new passion or a new skill!

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