



Writing for a Purpose

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When you are writing to discuss, you must show at least two different points of view to the reader. This can help your reader to think carefully about an issue or an idea and to explore what other people think.

There are lots of different ways that you can write to discuss.

You might have read or a heard a discussion in a:

- debate;
- newspaper;
- book review.

Can you think of a time when you heard two different points of view and then had to make up your own mind?



Features of Writing to Discuss

To help your discussion writing, you could include some of the following features:



Share Different Ideas or Points of View

I think that we should have a class pet because some children don't have any pets at home.

I don't think that we should have a class pet because some children are afraid of animals.

Share at least two different ideas or points of view. This will help your reader to think carefully about the issue.



Joining Words

and but so or when

Use these words to join your ideas together and to extend your sentences. This can help you to give reasons for each idea or point of view.

Expanded Noun Phrases

**a big, juicy goat
the hot summer day**

Use expanded noun phrases with amazing adjectives or modifying nouns to interest the reader in the discussion.

Can You Spot These Features?

- Can you spot any **different ideas or points of view**?
- Can you spot any **joining words**?
- Did you spot any **expanded noun phrases**?

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Can You Spot the Features in This Newspaper?

London Journal

Huge Fire Destroys London

Wednesday 5th September 1666



The fire has been burning out of control for four days.

London has been in chaos since Sunday night as a huge fire continues to rip through the city.

The fire broke out on Sunday morning and it is still burning in some parts of the city today. King Charles has ordered that hundreds of houses in the path of the fire should be pulled down in an attempt to try to stop the flames from spreading.

However, the hot, dry weather and the strong winds are causing the fire to spread. At the moment, nothing seems to be slowing it down. The fire has burnt down over 13,000 homes.

Investigations have begun to find out the cause of the fire. Many people believe that the fire started accidentally in a small bakery on Pudding Lane. It is suspected that the bakery's fire was not fully put out and that embers from it fell onto nearby straw, setting it alight.

Other people have claimed that the fire was started deliberately near Pudding Lane after a disagreement between two men at a local public house. A candle was used to set fire to the house of one of the men. It is reported that the culprit had not been paid any wages for a number of weeks.

At this point, it is not clear whether these stories are accurate and King Charles has asked for a full enquiry.

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Which Features Did You Spot in These Instructions?

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What happens? Did you find the plot interesting? Are there any plot twists?

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Characters

Who are the main characters? Who was your favourite character? Why?

The main characters in this story are Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf. My favourite character was the sneaky wolf because he tried to trick Little Red Riding Hood. I think some children might not like this character because of the way he behaved badly in the story.

Your Opinion

Did you like the book? What was your favourite part? Why?

In my opinion, Little Red Riding Hood is a great story. I like the story because the wolf is very sly and sneaky. My favourite part was when the brave woodcutter saved Little Red Riding Hood and her grandma from the nasty wolf. This was my favourite part because I think it gave the story a happy ending although some people might find it a bit sad.

Recommend

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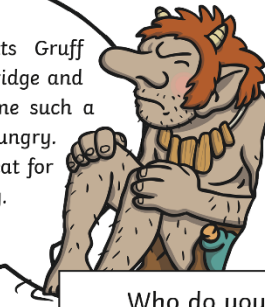
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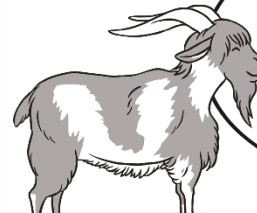
Those annoying Billy Goats Gruff came stamping across the bridge and they woke me up. It gave me such a headache. I was also very hungry. I hadn't found anything to eat for days and goat is just so tasty.



The Biggest Billy Goat Gruff's Opinion

The biggest Billy Goat Gruff had a good reason for his behaviour. He said:

The troll had threatened my brother and my little sister. Then, he said he was going to eat me! In self-defence, I just gave him a small push and he fell off the bridge.



Who do you think is right?

In my opinion, I think that the troll was right to try to eat the goats because he was just trying to survive. He was really hungry and he needed some tasty food. He had already let two smaller goats pass him and I think that he was just following his natural instincts when he saw the biggest, juiciest goat on the bridge.

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