

Purposes for Writing: Writing to Discuss

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Help your pupils to understand that, when writing a discussion text, the aim is to share differing points of view or opinions. Helping pupils to think about and understand other people's ideas or opinions is particularly important when aiming to develop their thinking skills.

Writing to discuss could be explored at KS1 through:

- newspapers;
- book reviews;
- debates.

Important Features

Help your class to understand and share **different ideas** or **points of view** within a discussion text.

Teach **expanded noun phrases** with adjectives or modifying nouns to help your class to make their writing interesting, e.g.

a big, juicy goat the hot summer day

Revise the use of joining words to extend sentences, such as: **and; but; so; when; or; because.**

Ideas to Support Writing

- Encourage your pupils to rehearse their sentences or phrases orally before writing.
- You may also wish to use a writing frame to help your pupils to structure their ideas.

Punctuation

Remind pupils to include:

- finger spaces
- capital letters
- full stops
- exclamation marks
- question marks

