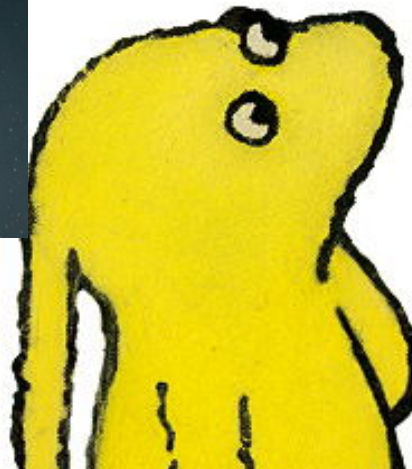




What would you do if you discovered an alien?





As Science becomes more advanced and our technological advances lead us into travelling further into space, what would happen if we discovered alien life-forms?

Should we keep them as pets or should we leave them alone?

Tuesday 11th January 2022

Can I plan a discussion text?

Should aliens be kept as pets?	
For (Aliens SHOULD be pets)	Against (Aliens SHOULD NOT be pets)

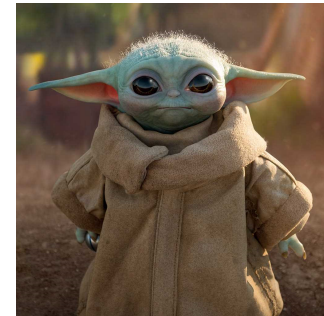
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On your sheet, you are going to collect ideas for BOTH sides of the discussion.

Then underneath you are going to write what your opinion is:

Aliens SHOULD be kept as pets (For)

Aliens SHOULD NOT be kept as pets.
(Against)



Example of a discussion text:

Should Violence Be Banned from Television?

There are two sides to the argument of whether violence on TV should be banned or not. Some people think that it sets a bad example for people and should be banned. Others think that watching it on TV does not affect behaviour and therefore, people should be allowed to make their own decisions about what it is they watch.

The first reason in favour of banning violence on TV is that watching a lot of it may make children think that behaving this way is acceptable. As a result of such shows on TV, they may copy this behaviour when they play with other children.

Secondly, lots of people who are in violent shows on TV are actors who children admire. They see these actors as role models and as a consequence may behave like the characters played by the actors and grow up to be violent, abusive people.

Finally, if children watch violent sports such as boxing or wrestling on TV, they might want to become boxers and wrestlers when they grow up. If they take up a violent career, this may lead to injuries and brain damage.

On the other hand, there are some arguments in favour of allowing violence on TV to be shown. The first reason is that violence is a part of many sports. Football games, boxing and wrestling can be violent, but they are fun and entertaining to watch. Banning violence on TV would results in banning these sports on TV. This would cause many fans to be disappointed.

The second reason is that if people watch these kinds of movies and shows, this might satisfy their need for action and excitement and get rid of their frustrations. Therefore, watching violence may stop them from behaving violently in their everyday lives.

After looking at both sides of the issue, my own personal opinion is that violence on TV should not be banned. However, parents should supervise what their children watch and not allow them to watch too much.

Target: Own Personal target from back of book or your next steps from your last piece of writing.

Text Level:

Good- title

Amazing-opening statement (introduction)

Awesome- three detailed reasons for and against.

Sentence Level:

Good- Fronted adverbials

Amazing- fronted adverbials and rhetorical questions

Awesome-fronted adverbials, rhetorical questions and cause & effect subordinate conjunctions (because / so / if / as).

Vocabulary Level:

Good—ly words (definitely / bravely etc)

Amazing— emotive language (depressed, joyous, ecstatic etc)

Awesome- emotive language and technical vocabulary

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Can I begin to write a discussion text?

We need to start a discussion text by introducing the topic of our discussion.



In our writing it will be all about whether aliens make suitable pets.

Should we keep aliens as pets?

Should aliens be kept as pets? Although we have not yet discovered aliens, with space travel going further and further into our universe, and new extra-terrestrial life a possibility, it is an important question to ask. Some people believe that aliens should be left alone on their home planets to live peaceful existences but others consider the wonderful experiences, knowledge and tools that aliens could bring to us as pets.

In your introductory paragraph you need to include:

- the question we are discussing
- a sentence to explain why it is a topic we are thinking about
- a brief summary of the two different sides of the discussion

Mu Approves:



