

Balanced Arguments and Debates

Does your balanced argument include...

an introductory paragraph?	
reasons for and against the argument in separate paragraphs?	
most of the paragraphs written in the third person?	
the final paragraph written in the first person and containing a personal opinion?	
causal conjunctions?	
adverbials?	
modal verbs?	
formal vocabulary?	

Causal Conjunctions

as	as a result	because
consequently	even though	hence
since	so	therefore

Modal Verbs

can	cannot	should	should not
will	will not	would	would not

Fronted Adverbials of Time

At first,...

Firstly,...

Secondly,...

Meanwhile,...

Finally,...

In conclusion,...

Word Bank

agree	allows	argue	argument
believe	clarify	compromise	data
decreasing	disagree	entitled	essential
identify	increasing	inform	opinions
require	statistics	value	view

Adverbials for Opposing Views

alternatively	however	in comparison
in contrast	nevertheless	on the other hand

Adverbials for Addition

additionally	after all	furthermore
in addition	moreover	similarly

Sentence Starters to Engage the Reader

One of the main arguments is...

Many people believe that...

Some people argue that...

Other people think that...

No one can deny that...

There is no doubt that...

Despite the fact that...

It could be argued that...

Evidence suggests that...

After considering the arguments on both sides,...

To conclude my balanced argument,...

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Key Features

introductory paragraph

reasons for and against the argument

causal conjunctions

conclusion containing a personal opinion

adverbials

modal verbs

formal vocabulary

Should Animals Be Kept in Zoos?

Zoos are a popular tourist attraction for families around the world; however, while many people enjoy visiting these attractions, others argue that zoos should be prohibited as it is unfair to keep animals in captivity. This argument aims to examine the reasons for and against animals being kept in zoos.

One of the main arguments for keeping animals in zoos is that they offer a safe environment where species are protected from poachers, habitat loss and predators. Additionally, many zoos offer breeding programmes for endangered species; therefore, they are helping to repopulate species that are declining in the wild. Without zoos, it could be argued that these species may find it difficult to find mates and breed in the wild; consequently, they would be more likely to become extinct.

Secondly, zoos are an informative source of knowledge for both adults and children. People learn more about animals that would normally be in the wild if they can experience them in a close environment. As a result of this, people will become more educated about different species and become more empathetic towards them.

On the other hand, many people argue that it is inhumane to keep animals in zoos. Evidence suggests that animals can suffer from boredom, stress and anxiety while being in captivity. No matter how large or open the space of the animals' pens are, they cannot be compared to the freedom of the wild.

In addition, if people want to experience wild animals, there are other places to visit apart from zoos. Sanctuaries and safaris offer visitors the chance to experience animals in their own environment and see their natural behaviour.

After considering the arguments on both sides, in conclusion, I believe that animals should be kept in zoos if the zoos are contributing towards conservation or breeding programmes that will help repopulate endangered species. In my opinion, I think zoos are a valuable source of information but I believe that the animals should be in there on a temporary basis so that they are able to be released into the wild when they are ready.