

## Do you know the difference between Facts and Opinions?

Statement	Fact	Opinion
Hear' say is a new pop group		
Hear' say are the best new band around.		
Their new single is fantastic!		
They were formed following national auditions for a TV programme		
The TV programme was called "Popstars".		
The band hid from the press in Norway.		
The programme "Popstars" was on ITV.		
"Popstars" is the best entertainment on TV.		
ITV is the best TV channel.		
Radio is better than TV.		
Hear' say has five members.		
Their album is rubbish.		
Hear' say are the best band in the world.		
The band members' names are: Suzanne, Danny, Noel, Myleene and Kym.		
The best singer in the band is Kym.		
The worst singer in the band is Danny.		
Myleene likes playing the piano.		
Noel is from Wales.		
Pop groups should not be made in this way.		
Bands like the Beatles began as unknowns and worked their way up to fame and fortune.		
Hear' say do not deserve all their fame and money.		

## Can you give facts and opinions?

Write down two **facts** about a pop group.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....

Write down two **opinions** about a pop group.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....

Write down two **facts** about school.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....

Write down two **opinions** about school.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....

Write down two **facts** about food.

1. ....  
.....
2. ....  
.....

Write down two **opinions** about food.

- 1. ....  
.....
- 2. ....  
.....

Give one **fact** and one **opinion** about someone that matters to you.

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

**Read the following passage:**

I have got a new car. It is blue. I think it is fantastic! It goes very fast and makes me feel special. People will think that I'm really cool driving this car. I worked hard and saved up a lot of money to buy it.

Write down three facts about the car.

- 1. ....  
.....
- 2. ....  
.....
- 3. ....  
.....

Write down two of the owner's opinions about the car.

- 1. ....  
.....
- 2. ....  
.....
- 3. ....  
.....

Read this passage.

I don't like Madonna. I think she is ugly. She may be the most famous female pop star in the world and have sold more records than any other woman but that doesn't make her special. I think she should give up singing and making albums and look after her two children, Lourdes and Rocco.

Write down three of the speaker's opinions about Madonna.

1. ....

.....

2. ....

.....

3. ....

.....

Write down three facts mentioned about Madonna.

1. ....

.....

2. ....

.....

3. ....

.....

<p>Boxing is a very popular sport. Millions of people watch boxing matches on television.</p>	<p>The BMA (British Medical Association) believes that boxing causes brain damage.</p>
<p>One of the main aims of boxing is to knock your opponent unconscious.</p>	<p>Boxers know the risks involved in boxing. They choose to accept these risks.</p>
<p>Many boxers have long careers and retire healthy and with their brains intact.</p>	<p>Brain and eye damage can build up over the years. Blood clots can form which can be fatal.</p>
<p>Boxing is the only sport where you set out to cause injury to your opponent.</p>	<p>Being involved in boxing builds self-discipline, character and personality.</p>
<p>Boxers have to learn to control their aggression. Many people are fit because they train but don't box.</p>	<p>Every time a boxer's head is hit the brain is shaken and cells and nerves are damaged.</p>
<p>Being hit by a boxer like Frank Bruno is like being hit by a half-ton weight.</p>	<p>Casualty rates are higher in sports other than boxing.</p>

## Should Boxing Be Banned?

### Writing an Argument

Boxing is a sport loved by millions around the world. There are also many people who believe it should be banned.

I believe that boxing should/should not be banned. I have good reasons for this opinion.

**Firstly** give a good reason to support your opinion and an example if possible

**Secondly** give another good reason to support your opinion

**Thirdly** give another good reason to support your opinion

I know that some people argue that ... give a good reason **against** your opinion but I feel strongly that ...

**Lastly** I would like to say that give a really good reason to finish your argument

Now write it up onto your neat sheet!

# MY VIEWS ABOUT BOXING

A large rectangular box with rounded corners and a thick black border, containing horizontal lines for writing. A tail extends from the bottom left corner of the box.

Name: .....

Date: .....

## Mobile Phones

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Useful in emergencies	Can be dangerous in hospitals
Can help parents and kids keep in touch	Can cause accidents while driving
Give kids more freedom	A nuisance in public places
Can control cost (pay as you go)	Mugging of children has increased
Flexible - eg text messaging	Distract/disrupt lessons

Write a letter to your mum or dad **persuading** them to buy you a mobile phone.

Use the writing frame to help you set it out properly - this is an essential **skill** for your exams.

Look at the ways the paragraphs begin. These are called "markers" and it would be very useful to learn these for your exams.

### **Persuasion**

- Please will you consider...
- There are many good reasons...
- Firstly.....
- Secondly.....
- Thirdly.....
- You may feel that ....
- Lastly...



## Mobile Phones Writing Frame: Persuasion

Dear ....

Please will you consider ..... *explain what you want to happen* I think that there are many good reasons why you could .....

Firstly ..... - *now give your best reason*

An example of this is ..... - *now give a good example to back up your argument*

Secondly.... - *now give your second best reason*

Thirdly... - *now give your third best reason.*

You may feel that ... - *now give a reason **against** mobile phones...* but I can promise you that ...

Lastly, I would like to add .....*give another good reason*

Love from

Name

*Now write it out in neat, on A4 paper, adding your own touches to make it personal.*

## Television - Good or Bad?

	Agree	Disagree
Television makes people lazy and unfit		
Television teaches us about the world		
Television enables us to see other parts of the world		
Television helps us to understand how other people live		
Television is boring and mindless		
Television is a waste of money		
Television soaps set a bad example		
Television soaps set a good example		
Television makes footballers into heroes		
Television makes people want what they can't have		
Television families are unrealistic		
Television is makes people unimaginative		
Television improves peoples imaginations		
Television teachers people about music and art		
Television is uncultured and no substitute for a book		
Television adverts are a bad influence on children		
Television adverts inform us about available products		

Now you are going to plan expressing your own views using the markers that you will need to use in your exams. Use this frame to help you with your planning - and then write up in neat inside your own television sheet.

I think that television is

.....

.....

.....  
Some people say that

.....  
.....  
.....

However, I think that

.....  
.....  
.....

I also think

.....  
.....  
.....

Therefore I would like to sum up by saying

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

# My views on TV

