

Recognizing the other side of the argument and the opponent

An advanced writing course

Session 5

The stages in a mind map

- Understand the two sides.
- Think of an example for each, follow it by explanation and main idea.
- Understand your position, i.e., which side you are on and then
- **START Writing**



What are the two sides of the argument here?

Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down; however, others believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.



What are the two sides here?

Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary schools rather than secondary school.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?



And here?

Some people believe that nowadays we have too many choices.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



Practice time

Kill the argument you do not accept!

- You should discuss/talk about/mention the advantages and disadvantages of the two sides of the argument, but it does not mean that your reader should remain confused about the position on the topic
- Do not forget your position and defend it more strongly than the other side.
- once you are done presenting the side you do not like, talk about the problem. Tell the reader why you are against that position (idea) or do not think too high of it.



