

Writing a Debate

Prepare for a debate about home learning. Consider the following statement:

Children should not have to do school work whilst they're not at school.

List the ideas that support the statement, and the counter arguments. Use some of the conjunctions to explain your ideas.

Ideas that support the statement

because

since

therefore

as

Counter Arguments

so

though

otherwise

however

Extension Ideas

- Talk through the debate with a parent or a sibling. You could take one side of the argument each. Ask each other lots of questions!
- Write a balanced argument explaining both sides of the argument.
- Write your side of the argument. Try and persuade someone else to agree with you. You could write it as a letter and send it to your local MP.
- Write out the for and against statements for another issue that interests you.