

6: 2: T15: to recognise how arguments are constructed to be effective

6: 2: T16: to identify the features of balanced written arguments

question prompts discussion without pushing the reader towards a particular viewpoint



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Make a revision timetable: check the curriculum and do it. Keep the timetable realistic, allowing time to cover topics proportionally, deal with problems, and

title question answered immediately with a definite opinion

suggests writer has knowledge of subject being discussed

6: 2: W8: to build a bank of useful terms and phrases for argument

Good practice

Develop good test techniques in the children. Adopt a light-hearted, everyday approach so that the children think of these techniques as normal practice.

- Familiarise the children with different question types and lengths.
- Point out how many marks are allocated to an answer.
- Do some multiple choice answering. Point out that guessing can be worthwhile.
- Make keeping an eye on the clock part of lesson routine, rather than test practice.
- Remind the children to leave time for checking.
- Get the children used to moving onto the next question rather than spending time stuck.

'working methods'

logical connective

writer addresses reader, hence use of imperative forms

connective introducing less-favourable alternative

6: 2: T18: to construct effective arguments

Top 10 tips

- 1 Keep to your plan.
- 2 Tick off revision as you do it.
- 3 Congratulate yourself on your organisation.
- 4 Run a positive classroom, praising regularly.
- 5 Encourage the children to have self-belief.
- 6 Use revision websites.
- 7 Exercise: regular physical activity will keep you and the children happy.
- 8 Eat and sleep properly.
- 9 Do not keep using the word TEST. It is only part of school life.
- 10 Exclude confidence.

* Useful revision websites:
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisionwise
www.pin.org.uk/guidance/KS2/SATs.htm

writer continues to advise reader, using the imperative verb forms of an instructional text

detailed knowledge of school life makes writer's view more likely to be taken seriously

writing style and layout typical of instructions

reference provides further proof of writer's knowledge and research adds weight to her ideas

6: 2: S4: to revise work on contracting sentences

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