

Points of view

In editorial articles, the writer usually expresses opinions about an issue (a topic or problem for debate or discussion). If more than one side to the issue is considered, this is called a **balanced discussion**. If the writer only gives one opinion, this is called a **biased discussion** and the aim is to persuade.

Read the editorial article, 'Looking after our children', which gives a **biased discussion**, then complete the activities that follow.

LATEST NEWS

Looking after our children

The main point of the article is summed up in the first sentence.

The main point should be backed up by other supporting points.

A supporting point

The supporting points are organised into one point per paragraph.

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This newspaper thinks that the Council should pay for more after-school clubs for our young people. We believe this would make life more interesting and enjoyable for our young people, and it would allow parents who are at work to know that their children are safe and being looked after.

Our main reason for suggesting more clubs is that there aren't many places where young people can play safely, especially games like football or rounders. In the winter, or when it's raining, many have nowhere to go

except to the shopping centre. The clubs could offer indoor hobbies as well as outdoor **games**.

A further reason is that some children don't have a suitable place to get their homework done, for as soon as everyone gets home, on goes the television! The clubs could provide a quiet corner for doing **homework**.



Connectives show relationships between statements.

A supporting point

Conclusion

Furthermore, we believe that clubs would help parents who go to work and can't get home when school finishes. Many parents worry about their children's safety, but must work away from home to earn money for their families. After-school clubs would take

away a lot of worry from a lot of **people!**

Therefore, although some people might argue that it would be expensive to run the after-school clubs, this newspaper believes that it would be money well spent.



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