

# Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Kensuke's Kingdom

**LO: I am learning to make arguments for and against a statement and presenting a balanced argument.**

# Starter:

'We've got our redundancy money... and the car money. Not a fortune, but enough. What to do with it? I could put it all in the bank, like the others did. But what for? Just to watch it dribble away till there was nothing left? Or, I thought, or I could do something really special with it, a once-in-a-lifetime thing.' (Ch.1)



Michael's father chooses to buy a yacht so the family can sail around the world.

What would you do with the money and WHY?

# Balanced Argument

Discuss with a parent or family member:

- What is a balanced argument?
- Can you name any features of a balanced argument?
- Where/when are balanced arguments used?

# Features of a Balanced Argument

## Purpose:

To present arguments and information from differing viewpoints.



## Structure:

*Introduction – what is the argument text going to be about?*

*Arguments for the issue (with supporting evidence).*

*Arguments against the issue (with supporting evidence).*

*Conclusion and summary.*

## Language Features:

*Impersonal voice – Keep own opinions out of argument.*

*Usually written in present tense.*

*Written in 3rd person (people might think).*

*Includes logical connectives to link ideas (therefore, however)*

Has the time come to ban cars from the centre of towns and cities?

Global warming caused by pollution has begun to affect us directly, with climate change starting to affect British weather. Some people believe the time has come for drastic action to reduce pollution caused by heavy traffic.

There is no doubt that traffic fumes are a major cause of pollution throughout the developed world, and are a particular problem in large towns and cities. In a small country like the UK, cities are close enough together to cause high levels of traffic fume pollution in the air over large areas of the land. Consequently, health problems are created such as asthma, which has rapidly increased as the number of cars on the road has risen. An additional problem in urban areas is congestion, which wastes time and adds to costs.

On the other hand, it could be argued that such a ban would create other problems. Public transport in this country is expensive and sometimes unreliable. Would there be enough trains and buses to cope with the numbers needing them? Furthermore, there is also the issue of personal freedom. Is it right to prevent people from choosing the mode of transport they prefer? Many people feel safer in their cars when travelling at night than they do on a bus or a train.

While there is clearly an urgent need to cut pollution, this could be achieved by developing cleaner fuels and electrically powered cars, and encouraging people to use public transport where possible, rather than forcing them to do so.

Complete a table for and against sailing around the world  
Write all the points you can – this will help you plan the writing.

## Sailing Around The World

### FOR



- Good fun
- Fishing



### AGAINST



- Unknown seas
- Too much mum and dad



**Task: Using the table you completed as a plan, you will be writing a balanced argument.**

## Sailing Around The World

Sailing around the world with family would be a good idea because.....

Here are some statements to help you:

On the other hand....

However.....

One good thing about it would be...

Nevertheless...

Another point of view is....

In conclusion....

# Plenary:

Would you like to sail around the world with your family?

Why/why not?