

Sum2 Wk1 - English - Wednesday

E Nesbit's The Railway Children

Type your answers onto this document and submit it for your teacher to mark.

Today, you are going to analyse Perks' reaction to the presents he received.

In the table below, think of 2 reasons to justify the way Perks reacted and 2 reasons to explain why his reaction was completely unacceptable. An *example* has been done for you - fill in the rest of the blank boxes.

Reasons for <i>(His reaction was acceptable and he wasn't rude in any way)</i>	Reasons against <i>(His reaction was unacceptable and very hurtful to the children)</i>
	<i>His reaction was out of order as the children had good intentions and just wanted to do something special for him.</i>

You are now going to write your points out as a **balanced argument**. A balanced argument talks about **both points** of view so you will need to explain all of the points you have written in the table above. Read the extract of a balanced argument below - I have highlighted some key vocabulary that you may be able to use in your writing.

Should dogs be kept on leads in parks?

Most parks allow dog owners to walk their dogs on the fields for free. For many years there has been great debate about whether or not dogs should be kept on leads during this time.

Firstly, it is far safer for children playing in the park if the dogs are kept on their leads; some dogs may be aggressive **therefore** they are more likely to bite humans. **It is known** that 50% of children, mostly boys, are bitten by a dog each year. **In addition to this**, if a dog is kept on their lead they are less likely to run away. When using a lead the owner is able to keep their dog at their side at all times. **Shockingly**, over 500,000 dogs in the United Kingdom go missing each year due to owners not using leads. **Also**, the majority of cats are frightened of dogs. If dogs are kept under control then

cats are also able to freely explore and exercise in the park. Studies have shown that cats appear more comfortable to leave their house and garden when dogs are restricted by a lead.

On the other hand, it is very well understood that dogs require exercise every day. **Therefore**, dogs need the space and freedom to run around and fully exercise their body. This is **not possible** when being held on a lead because dogs are able to run three times as fast as humans. **Furthermore**, dogs need to be able to socialise with other dogs. **This allows** them to build friendly relationships with other canines. Research suggests that dogs are less aggressive when they **frequently** interact with other dogs. **Finally**, many people believe the use of leads to be cruel. This is because there is the risk of choking if a dog tries to run. Dogs are well known for suddenly bursting into a sprint when they see something of interest; therefore the collar and lead around their neck could be dangerous.

Notice how both points of view are explained and formal language is used throughout - you should aim to do this in your work too.

Below are some words and phrases you may want to use. Remember to include a sentence explaining your opinion at the end of your writing.

Key words/phrases:			
Firstly	Secondly	Finally	In addition
Moreover	Furthermore	On the other hand	However
Nevertheless	Consequently	As a result	Alternatively
No one can deny	There is no doubt	It could be argued that	Others would say

Write your balanced argument in the box below. *(Remember: you need to explain two reasons for and two reasons against Perks' reaction.)*