

Writing to Analyse, Review and Comment

	Analyse Consider different viewpoints about an issue	Review Summarise something and give your own views	Comment Give a personal comment on something
When you might use it	✚ Essays	✚ Reviews	✚ News articles ✚ Report
What style of writing to use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Use the present tense ✚ Use expressive verbs, e.g. 'shows', 'implies', 'proves' ✚ Use the third person for formality ✚ Use words to link two phrases, e.g. 'however', 'moreover' ✚ Use words that show contrast e.g. 'whereas', 'although' ✚ Use words that link cause and effect e.g. 'therefore', 'as a result' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Give an opinion using phrases like, 'I believe', 'I feel', 'I consider' ✚ Verb phrases such as: 'it might be considered that...' 'the actors should have...' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Use the first person to give a personal responses ✚ Show judgement using words like: 'convincing', 'amusing' ✚ Subordination to discuss and speculate, e.g. 'if', 'whilst', 'although'
How to structure it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Give a statement of issue followed by topic sentences expanded using PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explore, Link) <p>Example task: write about T.V. - some people feel that children watch too much T.V., why do you think they believe this and what are the contrasting views?</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; text-align: center; color: green;">P</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; text-align: center; color: cyan;">E</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; text-align: center; color: yellow;">E</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; text-align: center; color: magenta;">L</div> </div> <p><i>While some people think that T.V. makes children unhealthy, many people think it can be educational. Parents often think that their teenage children spend too much time in front of the television. Statistics show that there are now more obese children than ever and this does seem to imply that teenagers spend too much time relaxing rather than exercising. However, there is another side to television: many programmes are very educational.....</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Give a personal opinion, a recommendation or a concluding comment <p>Example task: write about your favourite film, make a case for it deserving the title, 'Best Film Ever'</p> <p><i>I feel that the film, "Mean Girls" is a good example of the teen-movie genre. It might be considered that the actors simply follow a well-used formula but there is no doubt that this is a success. I believe that as long as there are teenagers watching films, there is a place for the teen-movie.....</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Use rhetorical devices for effect ✚ Give a statement of issue followed by topic sentences expanded using PEEL <p>Example task: write about something that really annoys you, making a case against it.</p> <p><i>Is it time to end schools' insistence on girls wearing ties as part of the school uniform? There are no convincing arguments for the maintenance of this outdated idea and I feel that whilst we are forced to make the girls look like boys, we are denied entry into the twenty-first century. As a pupil myself, I am frequently aware of discomfort - physically and mentally through having to wear a tie. Although adults insist on comfort as part of their work 'uniform', children it seems, are not allowed to consider this. If we do not make a change, we continue to make girls feel uncomfortable, outdated and ridiculous!</i></p>

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