

Nonfiction Writing Prompt 1: (Intermediate)

Persuasive

Stimulus:

You achieve more when you work together.



Audience: Your teacher and classmates

Purpose:

- To present a discussion, or showcase two points of view

Text Type:

- Discussion

A discussion is the presentation of both sides of an argument. It informs an audience so they can form an opinion.

Discuss the stimulus:

- What does the statement, “*You achieve more when you work together*” mean?
- Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Share some examples.

To provide more support:

1. Draw a T-Chart and write the headings ‘For’ and ‘Against’.
2. List ideas beneath the headings.
3. Introduce some useful words for comparing ideas. Use one colour to list signal words for comparing and another colour to list words for contrasting.

Some examples ...

Comparing or highlighting similarities: *both, alike, like, likewise, too, as well as, similarly*

Contrasting or highlighting differences: *but, however, on the other hand, whereas, although, unlike*

Writing task:

- Write about the pros and cons of the statement, “*You achieve more when you work together.*” Give reasons to explain your thinking.

Note: To make the task simpler, narrow the focus and have students write a list of comparative sentences using ideas from the T-Chart.