ESU SKILLS GUIDE

MAKING YOUR REASONS PERSUASIVE
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Reason

Give the audience your reason in one sentence

We should make the summer holidays shorter because children forget what they have learnt

We should ban boxing because it is a very dangerous sport

We should not allow children to vote because they are not responsible enough

Evidence

Describe supporting facts, examples, comparisons

Most teachers report having to spend a lot of time revising old material each year

For instance, Mike Tyson once bit a piece out of an opponent's ear

Children aren't even allowed to decide what time they go to bed

Analysis

Show how your evidence supports your reason

This illustrates how the summer holiday creates a gap in children's learning

Clearly, this kind of danger is much worse than you face playing other sports

We therefore don't trust children to make key choices for themselves

Link

Link the reason back to your point of view

School is all about learning, so the year should be designed not to disrupt that

If we don't want people getting hurt, we need to ban boxing

We don't trust children with big decisions, so how can we trust them with the vote?

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