

PERSUADE WITH A PARAGRAPH

Grade 8 English • Notes and sentence frames

1 WHAT IS A PERSUASIVE TEXT?

A persuasive text tries to convince readers to agree with an opinion or take action.

An opinion tells what you think. A reason explains why.



2 READ A SHORT MODEL

OUR CLASSROOM SHOULD STAY CLEAN

Our class should keep the classroom clean. First, a tidy room gives us more space to work. For example, putting bags in the proper place keeps the aisles clear. Also, putting litter in the bin helps keep our room pleasant. We can help by cleaning our own areas before leaving. Let us keep our classroom clean every day!

3 NOTICE THE PARTS

- **Opinion:** Our class should keep the classroom clean.
- **Reason 1:** More space to work.
- **Example:** Put bags in the proper place.
- **Reason 2:** A more pleasant room.
- **Call to action:** Let us keep our classroom clean every day!

4 BUILD YOUR OWN PARAGRAPH

- **OPINION:** I believe we should ____.
- **REASON 1:** First, ____.
- **EXAMPLE:** For example, ____.
- **REASON 2:** Also, ____.
- **SUGGESTION:** We can start by ____.
- **CALL TO ACTION:** Let us ____!

5 HELPFUL WORDS

- **Connect ideas:** first • also • because • for example
- **Suggest action:** should • can • let us
- **Useful actions:** read • reuse • save • help • clean • practice

Choose honest reasons. Use respectful words. Do not invent facts or numbers.

TODAY'S WRITING: CONVINCE US!

Grade 8 English • 45-minute activity



YOUR GOAL

- Write one persuasive paragraph of 6–8 sentences.
- Include an opinion, two reasons, an example, and a call to action.



CHOOSE ONE TOPIC

- We should keep our classroom clean.
- We should read for ten minutes each day.
- We should use reusable water bottles.



OUR 45-MINUTE PLAN

1

0–5 minutes | Choose

Pick one topic. Tell a partner what you think.

2

5–12 minutes | Learn

Read the model with your teacher. Find the opinion, reasons, example, and call to action.

3

12–17 minutes | Plan

Write short answers in the planning box.

4

17–32 minutes | Write

Use the sentence frames to write your paragraph.

5

32–40 minutes | Read and check

Read to a partner. Check the list below.

6

40–45 minutes | Revise and submit

Improve unclear sentences. Submit your paragraph.



MY QUICK PLAN

My opinion: We should ____.

Reason 1: ____

One example: ____

Reason 2: ____

Action I want readers to take: ____



IDEA CLUES

Clean classroom: clear aisles • put litter in bins

Daily reading: learn new words • enjoy stories

Reusable bottles: refill with water • reuse instead of throwing away



CHECK YOUR PARAGRAPH



I stated my opinion clearly.



I gave two different reasons.



I added an example and a call to action.



I used respectful words and complete sentences.



I checked capitals, spelling, and punctuation.

Use the clues to form your own sentences. Give your paragraph a title.



Persuade with a paragraph

Grade 8 | Writing | 45-minute practice

Write one persuasive paragraph of 6-8 sentences using honest reasons and respectful language.

Read and notice

- A persuasive text tries to convince readers to agree with an opinion or take action.
- An opinion tells what you think. A reason explains why.
- An example makes a reason clearer.
- End with a suggestion or a call to action. Do not invent facts or numbers.

A model to learn from

Our class should keep the classroom clean. First, a tidy room gives us more space to work. For example, putting bags in the proper place keeps the aisles clear. Also, putting litter in the bin helps keep our room pleasant. Let us keep our classroom clean every day!

A little check-in

Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose one answer for each question. The answer key is at the end of this pack.

1. Which sentence states an opinion?

- A. Our class should keep the classroom clean.
- B. For example, put bags in the proper place.
- C. The word classroom has nine letters.

2. What does “For example” introduce?

- A. A title
- B. A supporting example
- C. A final greeting

3. Which is a respectful call to action?

- A. Only bad students disagree.
- B. Everyone agrees, so no reasons are needed.
- C. Let us put litter in the bin.

Review your writing

- ☐ I stated my opinion clearly.
- ☐ I gave reasons and an example.
- ☐ My reasons are honest and my words are respectful.
- ☐ I included a call to action.

Make it your own

Write one persuasive paragraph of 6-8 sentences using honest reasons and respectful language.

Complete the sentence frames with your own ideas. Use another sheet if needed.

01. State your opinion

I believe we should ____.

02. Give your first reason

First, ____.

03. Show an example

For example, ____.

04. Give another reason

Also, ____.

05. Suggest a first action

We can start by ____.

06. Invite your reader to act

Let us ____!

Teacher notes & answer key

Persuade with a paragraph

Keep these pages separate from the learner's blank worksheet. Open-ended writing has many possible correct answers.

1. Our class should keep the classroom clean.

Should states the action the writer wants readers to support.

2. A supporting example

An example shows what a reason looks like in a real situation.

3. Let us put litter in the bin.

Let us invites the reader to take a clear, helpful action.

Model responses for the sentence frames

These examples offer support. Learners can change the wording and choose their own ideas.

State your opinion: I believe we should keep our classroom tidy.

Give your first reason: First, a tidy room gives us space to work.

Show an example: For example, bags in the proper place keep the aisles clear.

Give another reason: Also, a tidy room is pleasant to use.

Suggest a first action: We can start by clearing our own desks.

Invite your reader to act: Let us care for our classroom together!