

# Unit 33

Focus: Using grammar in persuasive texts (exposition)

# HOMWORK

good or bad?

Homework is bad! It is bad because it is a waste of time.

When children come home from school they are tired. They should be allowed to relax and play computer games, watch TV or play sport.

Children spend six hours a day, five days a week learning at school. Doing school work at home is not fair!

Of course we need to learn but doing school work at home is not the only way to learn.  
Ben E. (Year 3)

I love doing homework!

When I get home from school, I have a snack and a drink and then Mum and I sit down at my table and do my homework together. It is a great way for us to spend some time together. If I get stuck, Mum is there to help me out!

Once I finish my homework, I can go out to play or watch television.

I know that doing my homework will help me with my other school work, so I think homework is good.  
Elly B. (Year 3)

Persuasive texts are used to convince readers of something. Persuasive texts often use **exclamations** to make a point or show strong feelings.

1 Read the two persuasive texts on page 82.

a Write the two **exclamations** Ben uses in his text.

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b Write the two **exclamations** Elly uses in her text.

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Persuasive texts or arguments are usually written in the **present tense**. They often use **thinking and feeling verbs** to give opinions and **modal verbs** to tell about the certainty of something happening.

2 Use **verbs** in the present tense to complete these argument statements.

a "When children come home from school they \_\_\_\_\_," said Ben.

b "Mum and I \_\_\_\_\_ time together," said Elly.

c "When I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework, I can go out to play," said Elly.

3 Circle the **thinking and feeling verbs** in these sentences.

a I love doing my homework.

b Ben considers homework to be a bad thing.

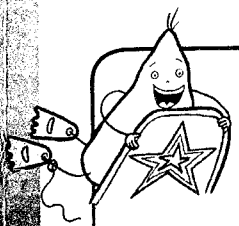
c We prefer to go out and play than do homework.

4 Find **modal verbs** on page 82 to complete the sentences.

a Doing my homework \_\_\_\_\_ help me with my other school work.

b Children \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to relax and play computer games.

## Star challenge



Which of the two sentences below makes a stronger argument by including an **adverb**?

I believe homework is good for you.

I truly believe homework is good for you.