

Good morning and happy Tuesday in the 20th week of 2020!!... *what a year so far!! :-O*

Hope you enjoyed your message from the Peruvian prime minister yesterday... He's a rather unique character!!

Please *don't hurt any guinea pigs or try to strike a multi-million pound cactus juice deal!... what was he thinking?!!! :-{) <— my attempt at a smiley face with a moustache like his! Ha ha!*

Anyway... onto today!



You *probably* haven't finished all of your *trade* work from yesterday, so you could continue with that. However, if you have, or you fancy being a bit of a news reporter, have a go at this:

****Write a **balanced argument (or discussion)** with the title:**

Is it right to buy imported products from other countries?

First of all, make a list of all the reasons why we **should** (this is known as 'for' the argument) and then make a list for the reasons why we **should not** (this is known as 'against' the argument) like this:

For (should buy)

Against (should not buy)

*Think of the many reasons for both sides of the argument, then start planning/writing! You *could* write down all your 'fors' first, a paragraph for each new point, then write about all your 'againsts', again a paragraph for each new point. You would need to write an introduction and a conclusion, summing up both sides (see below).

One of the most important things with a text like this, is **NOT** to include **YOUR** opinion. Try not to be *biased* (showing your opinion in what you write), but instead, try to be the 'person in the middle,' listening to and sharing both points of view.

Planning:

Intro: Briefly explain what you will be writing about.

For: Use between 2 and 4 of your best 'fors' - you could do these in a paragraph each.

Against: Use 2 and 4 of your best 'againsts' - you could do these in a paragraph each.

Conclusion: Sum up/ round off/ conclude the discussion text with a brief look at each side, and a *possible* 'answer' to the discussion **WITHOUT** being *biased*. :-)

Tips!

- It is important to keep in a **formal tone** (*not chatty!*) and to use **technical** or **specific language** e.g. *import, export, trade, environment, fair trade etc.*
- Look at the '**Balanced argument key words**' sheet on the home-learning page for today, to help you construct mature, formal sounding sentences.
- Look at the '**Order of a balanced argument**' sheet to remind you of the order and a few extra bits to help!
- Look at the **example** of the short balanced argument of the home learning page. It only uses one for paragraph and one against paragraph. Notice though, how they put more than one point into each paragraph and how they use **evidence** or **reasons to back up** those points. There is also the use of rhetorical questions to make the reader think!



Enjoy! I wonder what *your* opinion is and whether I'd be able to tell from reading your **balanced** argument!! *Ha ha! :-)* _____

*Maths-wise, if you haven't done so already, have a go at

the graph activity on the 'Activity Sheet UK Imports and Exports' sheet from yesterday. There are three activities involving graphs/data: * ** *** As before, the more stars, the greater the challenge!

*I'll put some more games on Active Learn for tomorrow! Make sure you've had a go at all of the ones I assigned to you first (try to at least :-)).

*Continue with some artwork from last week, copying one of your favourite pieces from your research, either in a simple sketch using just a pencil, or a pen. Or if you have any, use some paints, modelling clay, colouring pens... *whatever you have!* See if you can 'capture' the same feeling that the picture gives you.

****If you haven't yet started this, or are just about to, have a look at an artist called L.S. Lowry. He is a very famous, yet humble English artist painted. He was born in 1887 and died 1979, making him an artist during the war!... *both wars in fact!*... however, he officially became known for his paintings the year the war began in 1939, selling his work at his first art exhibition in London!**

Watch this short video about his life and works, and learn from the man himself, what inspired him. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z3gkq6f>

You could even have a go at 'painting' in the same style - it's pretty easy! If you haven't got any paints, you could just use one colour, made from a natural die (*from crunched up leaves or even mud!*) and using water to make to create different strengths of colour, use fingers or anything you can find, and get creative! There are no rights or wrongs when it comes to art!! :-)

Ok - that's loads! :-) Do what you can, and most of all, enjoy it! Get stuck in and feel proud of yourself for doing some

learning and practising your skills! Don't 'beat yourself up' if you don't get everything finished... *or even started!* Life is too precious to fill it with worry or stress! :-)

Challenge for the day: Have another go at the of guided meditation below... and if you didn't get to do it last time, go on... treat yourself to just 12 minutes of still and calm... *It will make you feel wonderful!! I love it! :-)*

https://youtu.be/Bk_qU7l-fcU

But before you go...

What room doesn't have doors?

A mushroom!

Why can't Cinderella play football?

Because she's always running away from the ball!

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?

In case he got a hole in one!

Ha ha ha ha ha!!! They get better, I'm convinced! :-D

See you later, Alligator!

God bless,

Mr Hill :-)