

Task 1: Using the arguments for and against from lesson 2, write your own discussion text about whether deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest should continue. Use the structure and features described below.



Introduction	Explain where the Amazon is and what problems it faces.
Arguments for	Explain reasons why people support the deforestation of the forest. Why are they chopping down the trees? What are the benefits?
Arguments against	Explain reasons why people are against the deforestation of the rainforest. What damage does it do to the environment and species which live there.
Conclusion	Briefly recap the arguments for and against. Give your own opinion - do you support deforestation or not?



Useful sentence starters for a balanced argument

However...

Firstly...

Research suggests...

As a result...

Although...

Finally...

It is well known that...

Therefore...

On the other hand...

In conclusion..

Some people believe...

For this reason...