



Write a persuasive essay responding to the question: 'Is it still bravery if you feel fear when you act?'

Draw from the stimulus material and your own ideas.

'I felt terrified but I somehow found the courage to stand up to Jenny Busop, the school bully. She was like a giant, twice as big as anybody at school, and I mean the teachers too and ten times as mean. I heard rumours that her Dad was in jail. All I really know for sure is she used to push me into the garden bed and take my lunch. Some days she used to come up to me when I was playing elastics, pretending like she was going to ask me something and then she would just punch me as hard as she could. One day when she was following me home and taunting, terrified I thought, "I have to do something!" Suddenly I swung round with all my might and hit her in the face with my heavy school bag. She hit the concrete like a sack of potatoes. She never came near me again.'

'Some argue that you can't be truly brave unless you overcome your fear. If you feel fear then you are acting out of fear, not from a place of bravery or courage. Think of any great and brave endeavour, such as firemen who rescue children from burning houses, or SAS soldiers who defeat the enemy. Only the brave truly conquer, because they surmount the obstacle of fear and are victorious over it.'