

UNDERSTANDING THE BALANCED APPROACH

- The balanced approach is not about partly agreeing or partly disagreeing.

ELIMINATE PHRASES LIKE PARTLY AGREE OR DISAGREE/PARTIALLY AGREE OR DISAGREE FROM YOUR VOCABULARY

- You agree or disagree with the statement – there is no ‘sitting on the fence’
- **It is just about acknowledging the opposing view, before you mention your own**
- **NOTHING IS BALANCED IN THE BALANCED APPROACH.**

Chocolate is better than ice-cream

My position = my opinion : I agree

Opposing view: some people disagree

Let's see some examples:

Young people committing crimes should be treated the same as adults by the authorities.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

My view: I disagree

Argument 1: immoral

Argument 2:

Opposing view: some people agree

Argument: this is an effective way to discourage criminal behavior among young people.

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Some feel that movies and tv shows are a good way to study history despite their lack of historical accuracy at times.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Some feel that students should not have to take standardized tests in school.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

My position: I agree

Cause stress and pressure

Inaccurate

Opposing view: some people might disagree

Foster competition

There is a view that standardized tests should be eliminated in schools. While some may oppose this notion, I strongly argue in favor.

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Schools should use films, computers and games instead of books.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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Do you agree or disagree?

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