

Connectivity Level 5 Optional Writing Task

UNIT 10

WRITING TASK: Write a rebuttal essay

To the Teacher: Hand out the next page to the students. Have students complete their writing task in the space provided.

Vocabulary:

Phrasal verbs for discussing events and issues: *bring about, carry out, wipe out, come up with, go without, lay off, put up with, run out of, come down with*

Expressions for introducing others' arguments:

According to [Dr. Kuhn], . . .

Some people [say / think / feel] that . . .

Many experts [argue / believe] that . . .

It may be true that . . .

It has been [argued / said / pointed out] that . . .

Transitions and subordinating conjunctions for your rebuttal:

However, . . .

Nevertheless, . . .

Even so, . . .

All the same, . . .

In spite of this, . . .

GSE Objectives:

GLWP0398: Can compare and evaluate ideas in a structured and logical text. (66)

GLWP0520: Can show the relationship between an opinion and a counter-argument in a discursive text. (66)

GLWP0013: Can systematically develop an argument giving the reasons for or against a point of view. (67)

GLWI0779: Can respond in writing to other people's arguments in an appropriate style. (68)

GLVC0105e: Can use language related to trade. (76-90)

GLVC1207e: Can use language related to environmental issues. (76-90)

GLVC2055e: Can use language related to cause, purpose, and effect. (76-90)

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Directions: Choose one of the opinions below. Write a three- to four-paragraph rebuttal essay for your response. In the introductory paragraph, explain the issue and summarize the opposing point of view. Include a thesis statement that states your own opinion. In one or two supporting paragraphs, state your argument against the point of view you are rebutting. Use details and examples to support your opinions. Include a concluding paragraph to summarize your opinions.

- Globalization is good for trade.
- Globalization is bad for trade.
- The homogenization of culture positively impacts young people.
- The homogenization of culture negatively impacts young people.
- Culture shock is a healthy experience.
- Culture shock is an unhealthy experience.

Write your essay:

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