

# Homework

## Persuasive writing sample answer

### Introduction

Opens up the topic and states your point of view

**A lot of people think that homework is bad.** They say that it's hard on children to have to work at home after a long day at school. But in my opinion homework is really useful. Schools that have a no homework policy are actually putting their kids at a disadvantage. Let me explain why I think this.

### Reason 1

There isn't enough time for all the work at school

**The first reason is that there isn't enough time at school to do everything.** School goes for about seven hours a day. Teachers have to teach children English, Maths, History, Social Studies, Art and all the rest. Even if they work as hard as possible, there aren't enough hours. Take reading. In Literacy Hour, a child might read one short book, and then do the exercises. But is one hour enough? No. An extra hour or so, with no time pressure to finish with all the other kids, will make it easier to advance. Why not read at home? Adults do. It's a great way of "topping up" in the comfort of your home.

### Reason 2

Parents can help - a big advantage

**Another great reason for homework is that my parents can help me.** Let's suppose they want to help me with my reading. They can sit and listen to me read aloud. If I make a mistake, they can help me. If I do well, they can praise me. And both of us will enjoy the reading. They know what I'm doing and they feel part of my learning. What a great idea.

### Reason 3

We need to get used to homework

**As we get older, the need to work after school becomes more important.** In secondary school, homework is vital. So why not start in primary school, and get into the routine? It only needs an hour or so several times a week, and I will get used to the habit. What a fine preparation for later schooling.

### Reason 4

Repetition (at home) makes learning stick

**It is said that repeating something makes the learning stick.** I might have picked up on fractions at school, with the teacher helping. But can I do it at home? By doing fractions, without the teacher, and perhaps a little extra help from Mum or Dad, I can make sure I am on top of fractions. Or it might be spelling or vocabulary. I do go over it and make sure I've mastered it.

### Conclusion

Restate your opinion - with a summary of arguments

**To sum up, homework is not the bogeyman some people say.** It is actually good for you. It builds on what you do at school, it gets Mum and Dad involved, it gets me used to the routine, and it helps the learning stick. Homework is good for you.