

ENGLISH · GRADES 4–5

Persuasive Writing Checklist

Make your argument stronger

Have I used...

- A clear introduction stating my position
- Topic sentence at the start of each paragraph
- An emotional appeal where appropriate
- A rhetorical question to engage the reader
- Repetition of a key phrase for emphasis
- Linking words (firstly, however, in addition, finally)
- Three or more main paragraphs, each with one argument
- Facts and statistics to back up my claims
- Strong, specific verbs (not 'is', 'has', 'goes')
- A counter-argument that I rebut
- Triplets — three points or adjectives in a row
- A strong conclusion that calls the reader to act

