

THE WRITING CLUB

Sydney's writing specialist

PRACTICE PAPER

NAPLAN Writing Practice Paper

A persuasive writing task with marking criteria, plus a language conventions set (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9).

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WRITING TASK

Persuasive writing

You have 40 minutes. Plan (5 min), write (30 min), edit (5 min).

- 'Everyone should have to play a sport.' Do you agree? Write to persuade a reader to share your point of view. Give reasons and examples for your opinion.

HOW IT'S MARKED

Marking criteria checklist

NAPLAN persuasive writing is assessed on ten criteria. Check your work against these:

- Audience — is it written for a reader you are trying to persuade?
- Text structure — clear introduction, body and conclusion.
- Ideas — relevant, developed reasons.
- Persuasive devices — techniques that strengthen your argument.
- Vocabulary — precise and persuasive word choice.
- Cohesion — linking words that connect ideas.
- Paragraphing — a new paragraph for each idea.
- Sentence structure — varied and correct.
- Punctuation — accurate throughout.
- Spelling — correct, including harder words.

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Spelling, grammar & punctuation

Choose or correct the answer.

1. Choose the correct spelling: recieve / receive / receive
2. Add punctuation: what an amazing goal that was
3. Choose the correct word: Their / There / They're going to the park.
4. Correct the sentence: Me and him plays soccer.
5. Choose the correct word: The team (is / are) winning.
6. Add the missing apostrophe: The dogs bowl is empty.
7. Choose the correct word: I have (less / fewer) books than you.
8. Correct the tense: Yesterday we go to the zoo.

Answer key

1. receive
2. What an amazing goal that was!
3. They're
4. He and I play soccer.
5. is
6. The dog's bowl is empty.
7. fewer
8. Yesterday we went to the zoo.

