

Cars exposition

Exposition (argument and persuasion)

Social purpose:

To persuade the listener to agree with a particular point of view or take action to solve the problem.

Text structure	<i>Cars should be banned from the city</i>	Language features
A statement of position with some background information	Cars should be banned in the city. As we all know, cars create pollution, and cause a lot of road deaths and other accidents. Cars are also noisy.	Use of modal verb to indicate obligation, e.g. should.
Preview of argument	Firstly, cars contribute to most of the pollution in the world.	Use of word chains to build topic information, e.g. cars, pollution, accidents, road deaths.
Argument 1: Point elaboration	Cars emit a deadly gas that causes illnesses such as bronchitis and lung cancer. The deadly gas can also "trigger" off asthma. Some of these illnesses are so bad that people can die from them.	Use of action verbs, e.g. die Linking verb "causes" used.
Argument 2: Point elaboration	Secondly, the city is very busy. Pedestrians wander everywhere and cars could hit them. This could cause some pedestrians to die. Cars today are our roads' biggest killers.	Relating verbs, e.g. "is", to relate parts of the clause, e.g. the city <u>is</u> very busy.
Argument 3: Point elaboration	Thirdly, cars are very noisy. If you live in the city, you may find it hard to sleep at night, or concentrate on your homework. The noise can make it especially difficult to talk to someone.	Use of connectives to sequence arguments, e.g. firstly, secondly, thirdly.
Summing up of position	In conclusion, cars should be banned from the city for the reasons listed.	

(Source: NSW Board of Studies, 1998: *English K–6 Modules* page 254)