

## Argumentative Essay

*Many people believe that alcohol causes many problems and there have been frequent calls for the government to ban it. To what extent do you agree?*

### Text Organisation

### Language Features

<p><b>general topic</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> person, (avoid I)</p>	<p>Many problems have been associated with the consumption of alcohol and so many citizens are demanding that the authorities do something to make it illegal. I somewhat agree that action is necessary to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages, because they are having a serious effect on people's health, and relationships with others; however, I think that a total ban violates people's human rights.</p>	
<p><b>statement of position</b> (specific topic) tells the reader what you will discuss in the essay</p>		
<p>sub-argument 1</p>	<p>The main reason why I think alcohol should be forbidden is because when people drink it has <u>a grave effect</u> on their health.</p>	<p>use of emotive language</p>
<p>support</p>	<p>Excessive levels of alcohol consumption have been linked to liver disease, heart disease, and neurosis. Also, people who drink more are more likely to suffer from a heart attack. Young people that drink are more likely to suffer from <u>depression</u>. Therefore alcohol should be banned to enable people to have a long and happy life.</p>	<p>technical language</p>
<p>sub-argument 2</p>	<p>Another problem that <u>drinkers</u> face is a worsening of their relationships with others. People who get drunk will easily lose their friends if they behave badly and don't treat their friends with respect. Even family members will not tolerate violent or offensive</p>	<p>nominalisation</p>
<p>support</p>		

behaviour. I think that many family disputes involve the consumption of excessive levels of alcohol by one or more of the participants. So, people that binge drink may end up lonely, and they may cause harm to their family.

nominalisation

sub-argument 3

However, I don't think alcohol should be prohibited because I think people should be allowed to decide for themselves whether to drink or not. This is because it is a basic human right for each person to choose their own actions, even if they harm themselves. In addition, if we are going to ban alcohol, then we should also ban other harmful activities such as eating fast food and smoking.

use of concession words

support

summary of main points

In summary, I somewhat agree with banning the sale of alcohol. This is because alcohol has a serious effect on people's health and their relationships with others. However, I also believe people should have the right to choose what they want to do. My recommendation is that the sale of alcohol should only be restricted to people who have previously abused alcohol or have negatively affected others when drunk.

paraphrase

opinion

use of the imperative