

Assignment for Writing Series 1 Lesson 3: Expository Writing

Based on what you have learnt about the Argumentative Essay, **identify the different elements** in the essay below. **Mark** them **out** (highlight or underline in distinct colours) and **write** them in the margins provided.

People in Singapore care about the environment. What are your views?

Structure		Elements
	<p>Global flooding could triple by 2030. Climate change could lead to food shortages and refugee crises. The Earth could get warmer by six degrees by 2100. In light of such shocking statistics, there is increasing urgency worldwide to tackle environmental issues and mitigate damage. In my view, people in Singapore largely care about the environment. These include the youth and her leaders who have shown consideration for the environment in their actions, though there are groups of people who value the convenience from ignoring the good of the environment.</p> <p>Firstly, I believe that young Singaporeans care about the environment. This is because youth are stepping up enthusiastically to save it. For myself, as part of a Values in Action (VIA) project, my classmates and I organised a recycling drive for Housing Development Board (HDB) estates around our school to raise awareness about how people can play their part in saving the environment. Moreover, the desire to make a change is not just limited to efforts within Singapore. For instance, 20 Singaporean youth attended climate talks in Paris in 2015. A representative from the Singapore Youth for Climate Action even delivered a speech persuading powerful policy makers and industry leaders to take action. These two examples show how young people in Singapore do care about the environment.</p> <p>Moreover, it can also be said that leaders in Singapore care about the environment. This is because the government actively proposes initiatives to target threats such as global warming. In the 2015 Paris Agreement, Singapore pledged to reduce greenhouse emissions by 2030. Furthermore, the government plans to implement a carbon tax on emissions from 2020 onwards to discourage pollution and raise funds for environmental conservation. These two examples show that the government is making efforts to curb global warming and environmental degradation. Thus, people in Singapore do care about the environment because the government implements measures to try to save it.</p> <p>On the other hand, despite the efforts of the groups of people above, a part of the population may not care about the</p>	

	<p>environment. This could be because they feel it is more convenient to simply remain apathetic to environmental issues. For example, a National Environment Agency (NEA) study revealed that four out of ten people in Singapore would litter out of convenience, especially if they could get away with it. This is a worrying mindset; some Singaporeans simply do not care about the environment.</p> <p>In conclusion, I believe that despite the apathy of some people in Singapore, the impact of those who care outweighs the impact of those who do not. Although majority of people in Singapore do care about the environment, there are some who simply do not understand the vital part they play in preserving it. After all, as environmentalist Robert Swan succinctly said: "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it". Everyone has a part to play in caring for the environment, a part that cannot be taken by anyone else.</p>	
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Up for a challenge?

Try writing a PEEL Body Paragraph (BP) either for or against the essay topic. Label the different parts of the BP in the right hand margin.