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L.C. Can you answer questions about a balanced argument?

Starter – Spelling Shed



- Make sure that you know your Spelling Shed login details.
- This week, Year 5 will be looking at words ending in –ably or –ibly.
- This week, Year 6 will be looking at words that use ‘ce’ for a soft c.

Spelling Game – Review of able/ible

- able / ible are two common prefixes, but when should we use them?

- If you remove -able from a word, you are left with a complete word (renewable, renew).
- If you remove -ible from a word, you are not left with a complete word (sensible, ~~sens~~). But note that *accessible*, *contemptible*, *digestible*, *flexible* and *suggestible* are among the exceptions to this rule.

Can you spot the correct spelling?

- edible / edable
- flexible / flexable
- washible / washable
- incredible / incredible
- affordable / affordible

Can you think of any
other words that
follow the rule?

What is a balanced argument?

- What do we mean by a written argument?
- How can we make sure that it is balanced?
- In what way is this different to a persuasive argument?



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It could be said that footballers have to train hard to keep themselves physically fit and to constantly improve their skills; therefore they cannot eat and drink whatever they like and have to keep to a strict regime. Many would say that this sacrifice means that they deserve to be paid well.

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- How does the author make this argument 'balanced'?
- Can you spot any features that we might have looked at previously?

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- When did the Premier League begin?
- Did the highest earning player earn more or less than £1 million?

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- Find one point that is **for** our argument (answers yes to our question):
- Find one point that is **against** our argument (answers yes to our question):

So on one hand, footballers earn clubs a lot of money from people paying to watch them and buying memorabilia. In addition, they train hard and have to sacrifice things in order to maintain their fitness. However, their job is not as important as many other professions, but they earn so much more than these. Furthermore, the money that they earn could be put to a much better use to change to lives of so many more people.

I feel that footballers do deserve a good wage, as they do generate a lot of money for the clubs. But I do disagree with how much they earn. Nobody can justify half a million pounds a week for playing football, whilst paramedics (whose job it is to save people's lives in an emergency) would need to work for 20 years to make the same amount!

- What is the opinion of the author?

Your Task

- Choose out of the two comprehensions the one that you feel confident in answering.
- Answer the questions in full sentences.
- Be ready to share your answers with the class at the end!