

# discursive

## examples

analysis  
evaluation  
formal essay

## purpose

to present arguments and information from differing viewpoints; to present a logical argument from a specific viewpoint to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of a product, solution or performance

## structure

a statement of the issue and preview of the main arguments  
arguments for and supporting evidence, arguments against and supporting evidence  
recommendation given as a summary and conclusion

## language

present tense  
generic human (or non-human participants) rather than personal pronouns (except in the conclusion)  
logical connectives (therefore, because) connectives signalling a change of direction, comparison, or adding / taking away (on the other hand, however, in addition)

non-fiction text