

WRITING TO PERSUADE OR ARGUE



The Government wants to set up a 'Speakers Corner' in the centre of your town where any member of the public can have a platform where they can publicly speak on any subject of their choosing.

Task 1

Write a letter to your local newspaper commenting upon this and saying why you think it is a bad idea.

You might want to consider:

- ❖ Why we need such a thing when people can write to newspapers.
- ❖ The fact that people could exploit it for their own ends.
- ❖ The fact that people could use it to spread bad ideas and messages.
- ❖ The possibility that it could cause unrest and public disorder.
- ❖ The fact that there is nowhere suitable for it to be.

Extension task

Write another letter in reply to your first letter. This should argue the *opposite* point of view!

Address your letters to The Editor of your local newspaper.