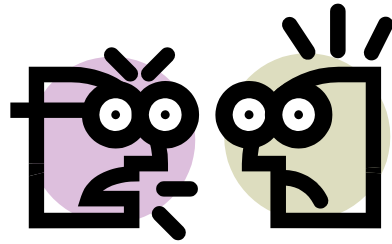


## **Argumentative/Discursive Writing** – used in report writing/magazine article,etc



In discursive writing you are expected to develop a particular argument or discussion.

### **Style and Tone**

- Focus on issues (not personal reactions or feelings)
- Objective, formal

### Difference between argumentative and discursive writing.

#### **Argumentative**

- opening paragraph may be more definitive on point of view.
- the body of the essay may not attempt to give a balanced view of issues
- the language may be more emotive

#### **Discursive**

- the body of essay should be structured to deal with opposing issues
- tone is formal, objective
- sentence structure tends towards simple and short
- linking ideas - it is important to focus on each linking word as "in addition", "therefore", etc (See Connectives as Signposts word bank)

*Examples of how to plan, research and write a discursive essay are available on the shared area/resources/writing/discursive writing. See also New Horizons in Writing 5-14 (English Dept)*