

Preparing for the DWA: Persuasive Writing Practice through your utahwrite.com account

All 5th and 8th grade students must come to the school to take a Writing Assessment – known as the DWA (Direct Writing Assessment). Students will be given a prompt and asked to write a persuasive essay from the topic given. This assessment is not timed, students may generate ideas and write a rough draft on scratch paper, but the final essay must be submitted online (typed in). The Utah Write program is a great tool to use in helping your child prepare for the DWA. There are many prompts listed in the Utah Write program-some of which are prompts that correlate with your K12 Composition class, and must be submitted. Others though, are there solely for student practice. The prompt given in the DWA will be a form of “Persuasive Writing”. Below is a list of the “Persuasive Writing” practice prompts listed on your UtahWrite account. These can be used to help your child practice and prepare for the DWA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns – please email or call me. Thank you for taking the time to help your child improve his/her writing skills.

Course: Intermediate English B:

Status	Category	Level
All	Argumentative	All

Enabled	Title	Prompt Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate English A Unit 4	Write a persuasive ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academics for Athletes	Suppose that your school is considering revising the academic ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletes, Entertainers and Money	Athletes and entertainers are often paid huge sums of money for ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chernobyl: Catastrophic or Manageable? (Science Tie-In)	The two attached articles take very different views on the ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indoor Fun or Outdoor Fun?	On the whole, would you say that indoor activities or outdoor ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opening a New Store	A very large store that sells a variety of merchandise is opening ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Protecting the Ecosystem (Science Tie-in)	After reviewing the articles and video, write a letter to your ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schools - Year 'Round or Not?	Some schools have schedules that run from fall to spring with the ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snacks in the Cafeteria	Your school district has decided to discontinue selling snacks, ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Speeches	Suppose the administration of your school is adopting a new ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracking Your Whereabouts	Parents can now buy a global positioning device that can let them ...