

8. Complete the text below with the linking words/phrases in the box.

to sum up therefore firstly such as secondly finally however in my opinion

It is a fact that our lifestyle and even our planet are in danger because of climate change and pollution.
(1) _____, something must be done to reduce the amount of fossil fuels that we use every day.
(2) _____, it is doubtful if the building of more nuclear power stations is the solution to the problem.

Some people argue that, in comparison with oil or coal, nuclear power is a 'clean' or safe source of energy but,
(3) _____, the risks involved are great. (4) _____, doctors say that the possibility of illness, (5) _____ cancer, caused by living close to a nuclear power station is high. (6) _____, nuclear waste is not at all easy to dispose of and can be a serious threat to the environment. All those dangers will be multiplied in the event of a nuclear accident. (7) _____, if the economic cost of building a nuclear power plant, keeping it safe and disposing of the nuclear waste is taken into account, one can see that nuclear power is not only dangerous but also costly.

(8) _____, more nuclear power stations should not be built because the risks to people's health and the environment are high. It is the use of other forms of energy like solar or wind power that can provide a safe and environmentally friendly alternative.

