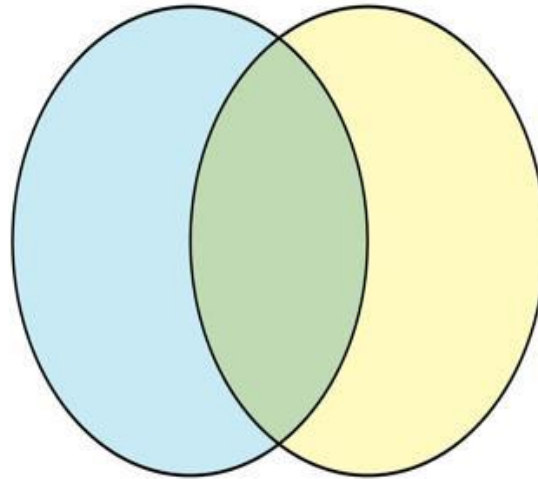


Writing 6b

Discursive Essay

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Persuasive essay



- What is the difference between discursive and persuasive essay ?

A **discursive essay** is objective and impersonal. Although the writer may be expressing his/her personal point of view, it is not clearly evident because the language being used is neutral and measured. In contrast, a **persuasive essay** presents the opinion of the writer in a more subjective fashion. The writer is actively attempting to convince the reader that his/ her opinion is the right one. He/She, thus, makes use of persuasive techniques, such as appeal to emotion, reason and authority, and uses language that is more emphatic, forceful and emotive. The use of this kind of language makes it evident that the writer feels strongly about the issue. This is not to say that the arguments he/she raises are not valid, but that his/her presentation of the topic is clearly coloured by his/ her opinion.



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