

Building a balanced argument.

You may use some of the arguments presented in the lesson, you will also gain credit by drawing on your own valid points.

The government in France wanted to increase the tax they placed on foods containing palm oil. This was named the “nutella tax”.

1) The government wanted to do this because ..

The production of palm oil in Indonesia is leading to destruction of tropical forest. This affects climate change by reducing the amount of CO2 that the forest absorbs, increasing the release of CO2 from the felled forest and peat which dries out.

Europe is a major consumer of palm oil, it is found in half of packaged products in supermarkets.

Many people who have lived in the forest for generations have lost their land and livelihood.

(5 marks for any to reasons, 2 marks for 1 reason)

2) However some groups objected to the tax because..

Export of palm oil provides income to people in rural areas where there is not much employment.

Lots of palm oil in Europe is used for biodiesel, this could be stopped first.

Even if people in France eat less palm oil, global consumption will carry on.

(5 marks for any to reasons, 2 marks for 1 reason)

3) On balance I think

choose either position

(1 mark)

4) Because...

justify it with what you see is an important point.

Eg It is important for every country to make the changes they can because saving biodiversity is so important.

Its not just about what individuals buy. We should support the Indonesian government to conserve the tropical forests.

There are many other points you can make here.

(3 marks for a reason which matches number 3 above)