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|  | Australian Curriculum Year 5 English sample assessment ׀ Student booklet  Exploring points of view |

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| Create a written informative response that explains the points of view of two characters who are involved in a difficult situation/ethical dilemma. The two characters will be from a text you have chosen in consultation with your teacher. |
| You will:   * decide on two characters involved in a situation/ethical dilemma where at least one of these characters needs to make a difficult decision in the text you have chosen in consultation with your teacher * plan a written explanation by identifying and selecting key information about each of the characters and the point of view each one has about the difficult situation and ethical dilemma * draft and write your explanation of the two different characters’ points of view * explain your own response to these characters’ points of view about the difficult situation in which they are involved and the ethical dilemma they face * re-read and edit your written response, checking for flow and sense, organisation of ideas and choice of language. |

## Section 1 Setting the scene and selecting a text

1. Characters in stories may be involved in situations where they are faced with an ethical dilemma and have to make a difficult decision. In the spaces below, list some examples of the sorts of difficult decisions characters might have to make.

1. In consultation with your teacher, decide on a text that includes a difficult situation/ethical dilemma where at least two different characters are involved who have particular points of view about the situation.

Complete the following information about the text you have chosen.

Title:

Names of the two main characters involved:

Brief description of the situation/ethical dilemma where at least one of the characters has to make a difficult decision:

1. Share your choice with your classmates and teacher and explain your reasons for making this choice. Write your reasons in the space below:

## Section 2 Planning your explanation

1. Use the following table and questions to make notes on the key ideas and information you will need to include in your explanation in Section 3 of:
   * 1. the characters involved in the difficult situation you have chosen to write about
     2. the difficult situation/ethical dilemma
     3. the points of view of each of these characters about the difficult situation.

What are the main ideas I need to include in an explanation of this character’s point of view?

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First character’s name:

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What evidence from the text will I use to support these main ideas, for example, information about what the character does, and information about what the character says and/or thinks?

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Second character’s name:

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## Section 3 Creating and editing my explanation

1. Use the paragraph prompts below and the information from your planning in Sections 1 and 2 to write a sequence of paragraphs that explains the situation you have chosen where a difficult decision needs to be made/an ethical dilemma is faced, and the two different points of view of the characters involved. In the final paragraph, explain your own response to these characters and their points of view.

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| **Include information in this paragraph to explain briefly:** | **Introductory paragraph: the situation, the decision/ethical dilemma, and who is involved** |
| * the difficult situation/ ethical dilemma in your chosen text * the decision to be made, or that is made * the two characters and how they are involved | ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................ |

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| **Include information from Section 2 to explain:** | **Second paragraph: the first character’s point of view** |
| * which character you are discussing in this paragraph * this character’s point of view about the situation/ethical dilemma and the difficult decision to be made * evidence from the text that supports your ideas about and explanation of the character’s point of view | ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................ |

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| **Include information from Section 2 to explain:** | **Third paragraph: the second character’s point of view** |
| * which character you are discussing in this paragraph * this character’s point of view about the situation/ethical dilemma and the difficult decision to be made * evidence from the text that supports your ideas about and explanation of the character’s point of view | ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................ |

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| **Include information to explain:** | **Final paragraph: your own point of view** |
| * whose point of view you agree with * why you agree with this point of view | ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................  ................................................................................................................................ |

1. Exchange your written explanation with that of a classmate, identifying two aspects that work well and one aspect that could be improved.
2. Re-read and edit your written response, checking for flow and sense, organisation of ideas and choice of language.