

3.6 Using methods of development

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Objective

Build the skills to **choose** a method of development for your own writing.

You must be able to:

- match a method to a purpose
- combine two methods in one essay without losing coherence
- avoid a method that suits the subject but not the argument
- justify a method choice in one sentence

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Matching method to purpose

If the disagreement is over what a word covers, **define**. If it is over whether something will work, **compare** with a case where it has been tried. If it is over why something happened, use **cause and effect**.

■ Combining methods

Most essays use more than one. The risk is drift: a narration that becomes the essay rather than serving it. Keep each method subordinate to the claim it supports.

■ The wrong method

A vivid **description** of a polluted river may suit the subject and do nothing for an argument about who should pay. Method must serve the claim, not the topic.

2 Practice

2.1 State the method suited to a disagreement about what a term covers. [2]

2.2 State the risk of combining methods and one way to control it. [2]

2.3 Claim: “Congestion charging works.”

(a) Name the method you would use. [1]

(b) Justify the choice in one sentence. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A disagreement over why an outcome occurred is best developed by [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A description
B cause and effect
C classification
D narration

3.2 A long vivid description that does not serve the claim is [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A good style
B drift away from the argument
C a concession
D a thesis

3.3 Write two sentences using comparison to support: “A four-day school week would not reduce learning.” [4]
