

Key Stage 3 **Non-Fiction** Knowledge Lexicon



OPINION (noun)

standpoint	perspective
attitude	judgement
view	conception
point of view	contention
viewpoint	conviction
belief	hypothesis
notion	approach to the topic
position	

THINK / BELIEVE (verb/phrase)

consider	maintain
would argue	am of the belief
am convinced	regard as true
conclude	would put forward the idea
contend	would claim
would insist	would assert
surmise	would defend the opinion
am of the opinion	

INTRODUCE IDEAS

Some feel that...

It could be argued that...

I personally am of the opinion that...

One area of concern for me is...

There is a school of thought that believes...

I have heard some state that...

GOOD / RIGHT / POSITIVE

beneficial	valuable	rewarding
thoughtful	well judged	constructive
correct	astute	worthwhile
appropriate	insightful	advantageous
helpful	perceptive	beneficial
intelligent	discerning	
constructive	expedient	

BAD / WRONG / NEGATIVE

unacceptable	unhealthy	detrimental
mistaken	flawed	pernicious
misguided	unsuitable	rash
incorrect	undesirable	fractious
wicked	ill-advised	wrong-headed
unfair	ill-considered	poorly-informed
short-sighted	despicable	

CRITICISE IDEAS

I would repudiate the idea that	Some, wrongly in my view, put forward the idea
It seems unlikely to be true that	I have heard some put forward the mistaken notion that
I would reject the idea that	
I dispute the belief that	
I take issue with those who say	

AGREE WITH (VERB / PHRASE)

concur with

acquiesce with

acknowledge that

recognise that

fully accept that

PERSUASIVE DEVICES

repetition

rhetorical question

personal anecdote

emotive language

counter argument

irony

PUNCTUATION TO TRY

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Lexicon Choice Sheet

Word	Dictionary Definition	Example Sentence
misguided	mistaken, wrong, misled	It would be a <u>mistaken</u> idea to think that our planet can suffer pollution for ever.
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