

# Organ donation

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**This task is about writing an argument, discussing, and defending your point of view.**

Your task is to write an argument on the topic of organ donation.

You may argue for or against organ donation, or express views supporting both sides of the argument.

You may use the information and opinions below to help you develop your argument.

"Seven year old Nicholas Green was shot in a botched robbery while travelling in Italy. His parents donated his organs and seven Italian recipients benefited..."

"One year the organs from our 40 donors resulted in approximately 200 transplant procedures (68 kidneys, 25 hearts, 23 lungs, 33 livers, and up to 50 cornea, heart valve or bone transplants) and as many happy recipients."

"I believe an individual's spirituality and dignity are not things the state or others have a right to subsume or demand. And this applies to your body after you're dead."

"People are dying on waiting lists, their need is great."

"The overwhelming majority of people - about 350 - on the transplant list are waiting for kidneys..."

"People have strong attachments to people they love. This doesn't stop the moment they die. If we ride over that, then we are debasing something about our humanity and spirituality. The human body is more than just goods to be disposed of, like a boat or a Mercedes..."



If you would like to find out about the structure and language features of an argument, ask your teacher for the checklist, **Writing an argument - Learning intention guide**