

Writing Contentions

A contention is a statement that can be argued with. It is an opinion. Practise writing contentions by reading the question in the left hand column and then writing a contention on that question in the right hand column. An example has been done for you.

Question/Topic	Turn this question or topic into a contention/thesis
Example: Do athletes make good role models?	<i>Example: Athletes do not make good role models for teenagers because their lifestyles are often unrealistic and unhealthy.</i>
Do kids eat excessive amounts of junk food?	
Should parents take more responsibility for their children's behaviour in public?	
Should it be compulsory for students to participate in a school sports team?	

Kevin Rudd or Julia Gillard?	
Should children under the age of 16 be allowed to get tattoos?	
Should Australian troops be removed from Afghanistan?	
Which is better? Smooth or crunchy peanut butter?	