The big TV debate

The latest report on children and the media suggests that children would be a lot better able to concentrate and work well if they were restricted to only two hours use of the media every day. Parents would monitor the use of media. This includes computers, games, TV etc. They would only allow a short period of use. No television would be allowed at meal times or just before bedtime. No televisions would be allowed in children's rooms. No computer access would be allowed in the early morning.

All of these things are claimed to improve concentration and behaviour patterns. Also family life is said to be better.

So what do you think?

Can you set up a balanced argument showing the points for and against this view?

Work with a partner and discuss it and then see what your parents think later on. Use the information and views to structure your arguments.

Remember, belief statement, arguments for and against and a concluding position.