

# ARSENAL HOME LEARNING

## WRITING CHALLENGE VAR OR NO VAR

Alexandre Lacazette scored a late winner against West Ham in March 2020. There was a delay as the VAR checked the goal before it was given. Watch the [highlights here](#).

The **Video Assistant Referee** (VAR) helps the on-pitch referee make decisions by watching incidents again on a screen. Join the **debate** by writing a **persuasive** argument **for** and **against** the following statement:

**THE VIDEO ASSISTANT REFEREE (VAR) SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED THE PREMIER LEAGUE.**

Then make your final decision in a **conclusion**! Don't forget to look at the **example below** and the **Pro Tips** for some help.

Write your argument on our **Writing Template** or on some plain paper.

**FOR**

AND

**AGAINST**

I **believe** that the game is much fairer now that the Premier League has VAR in place to help referees get key decisions right.

**Firstly**.....

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You could use some of these points:

- More correct decisions are being made.
- It will get more efficient.
- It makes the game fairer.
- It is successful in other sports.

**In my opinion** the use of VAR has made the game less enjoyable to watch and has not improved Premier League football.

**Undoubtedly**.....

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You could use some of these points:

- It has slowed the game down.
- Supporters in the stadium don't know what is going on .
- You can no longer celebrate a goal as it might be taken away.

**CONCLUSION:** In conclusion, I believe that using the Video Assisted Referee in the Premier League has made the competition...

**PRO TIPS**

**BOTH SIDES** – Even if you've made your mind up, think very hard about the pros and cons of both sides.

**EVIDENCE** – Try to add evidence to back up your arguments. Do research online or ask family and friends.

**USE PERSUASIVE LANGUAGE** – Firstly..., In my opinion..., In addition..., Clearly..., Undoubtedly..., etc.



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