

So You Think You Can *Argue*

Name: _____

PowerPoint Guided Worksheet



An **argument** is just a _____
that someone believes is or
should be _____.

A **counterargument**
expresses the _____
point of view.

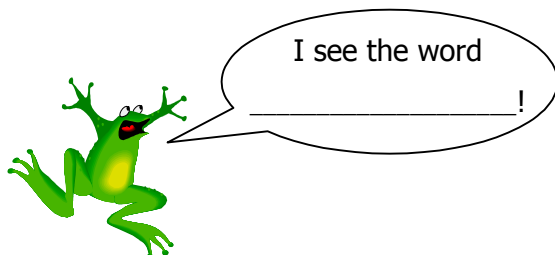
A **supporting argument**
explains why a _____
argument is _____.



Are You Laboring Under a *Misconception*??

MYTH	REALITY
An argument is just people yelling at each other.	Arguments can be very _____. An argument in writing is _____!
You have to totally believe in what you are arguing.	Making an argument has nothing to do with how you _____.
Every argument has a right and wrong side.	Most of the time, the two sides of an argument are just different _____.
You can't be good at arguing unless you can think fast on your feet.	A lot of great arguing takes place on _____, where you can _____ everything through first.

What word do you see inside the word "persuasive?"



What does it mean to "persuade" someone?

- (A) To disturb someone about something.
- (B) To sweat on someone.
- (C) To convince someone that something is true.
- (D) To cause someone to be confused about something.

Should/Should Not	Does/Does Not
Argue why something should or should not be _____.	Argue why something does or does not _____ a _____.
Use this kind of argument when you are arguing your _____ about something.	Use this kind of argument when there is already a _____ in place.
<i>Example:</i> Should _____? _____?	<i>Example:</i> The school rule says no hats. Susie wore a giant ribbon on her head. Did _____? _____?

Who Cares What You Think?

Making an arguments is a _____ that you _____. "What you think" doesn't really _____ at all. You should be able to argue for _____ sides no matter which side you think is _____.



You Can't Come In Here With That Thing On!

Argument A: Susie did not violate the rule because her ribbon is not a hat.

Argument B: Susie did violate the rule because her ribbon is a hat.

Look at the list of supporting arguments below.

- Mark A if the argument supports Argument A.
- Mark B if the argument supports Argument B.

- _____ The ribbon is something on her head.
- _____ The ribbon is too flimsy to protect Susie's head from anything.
- _____ The ribbon does not cover all of her head.
- _____ The ribbon could protect Susie's head from rain or dust.
- _____ The ribbon would not keep Susie's head warm.
- _____ The ribbon covers most of Susie's head.
- _____ The ribbon could protect Susie's head from sunlight.

Mini-Quiz: Yes or No?

- _____ Is it possible to make an argument you disagree with?
- _____ Is there a right and wrong side to an argument?
- _____ Could persuasive writing help you convince someone to do something differently?
- _____ Can an argument be silent?
- _____ Would a does/does not argument help you persuade the city to re-open the basketball park?
- _____ Would a main argument be very strong without any supporting arguments?
- _____ Would a does/does not argument help you persuade the mall to let you back in?
- _____ Can you argue on paper?