

So You Think You Can Argue Name: _____

<p>An argument is just a _____</p> <p>that someone claims is or should be _____.</p>	<p>A counterargument expresses the _____ point of view.</p>	<p>A supporting argument explains why a _____ argument is _____.</p>
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HEY! 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?"



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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.

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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. Sarah wore a giant ribbon on her head. Did _____ _____?

WHO CARES WHAT YOU THINK?

Making an argument is a _____
 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: Sarah did not violate the rule because her ribbon is not a hat.

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

Read the supporting arguments below. Write A if the argument supports Argument A. Write B if the argument supports Argument B.

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

Mini-Quiz: Yes or No?

1. _____ Is it possible to make an argument you disagree with?
2. _____ Is there a right and wrong side to an argument?
3. _____ Could persuasive writing help you convince someone to do something differently?
4. _____ Can an argument be silent?
5. _____ Would a does/does not argument help you persuade the city to re-open the basketball park?
6. _____ Would a main argument be very strong without any supporting arguments?
7. _____ Would a does/does not argument help you persuade a store to give you a refund?
8. _____ Can you argue on paper?