

How to Use Arguments in Writing

Grade 6

You should always have an argument. Stake out a position and prove why it is a good one. Be convincing in your arguments. Always support your arguments with evidence, with hard facts. Consider your audience, and make sure you explain your arguments well. You must also address counter-arguments and show how your position is better, but do not be disrespectful of other opinions.

Grade 7

Arguments are everywhere and are the aim of most academic writing. Your argument is your main idea, also called your thesis or claim. Your argument must be clear because you cannot convince a confused reader. You should always have evidence to back up your arguments. You need to know and understand both sides of your argument. When summarizing an opposing argument, be charitable, not aggressive. Understand, you do not have to keep your position the same throughout your writing process. You can change your mind!