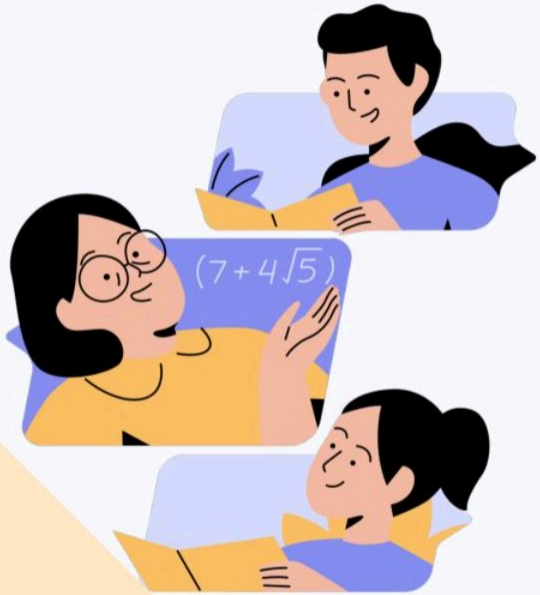


Prove Your Point

Support claims with clear reasons and evidence

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DID YOU KNOW?

An argument is a claim backed by evidence.

It is not yelling — it is proving your point with logic.

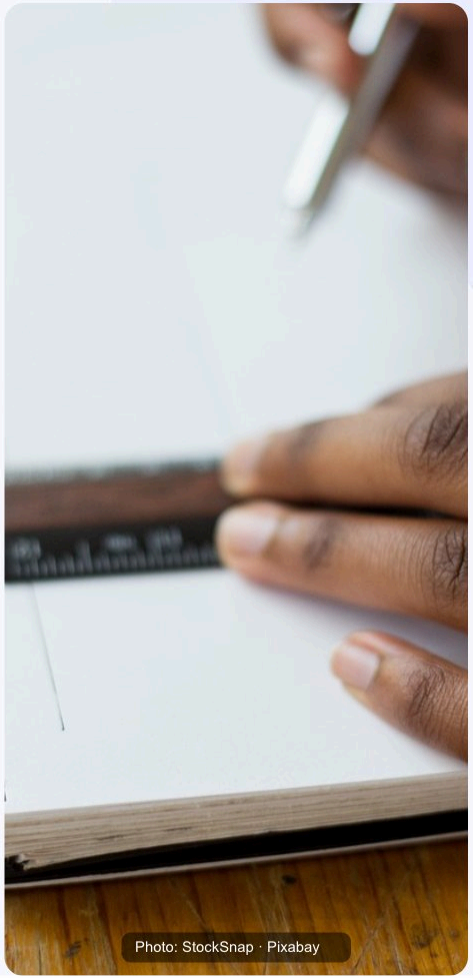
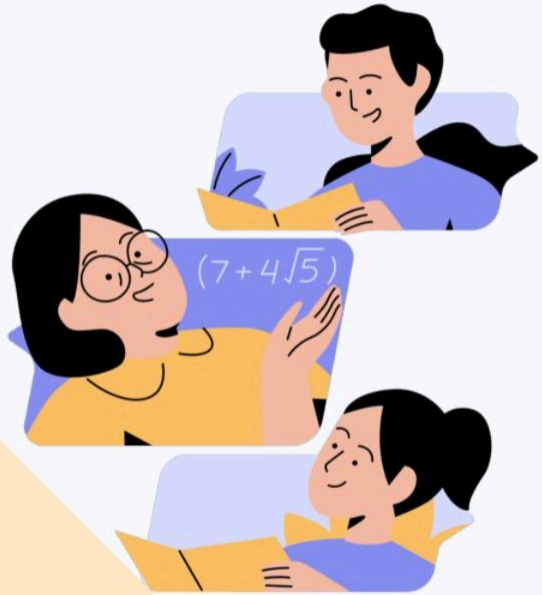


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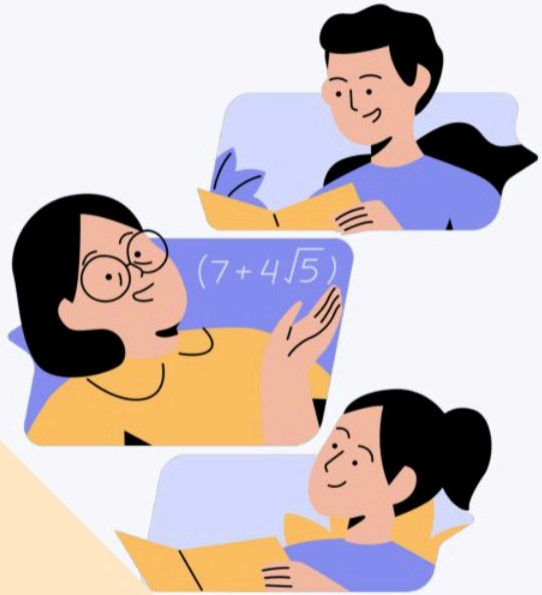
Build an Argument in 4 Moves



1. State a clear, debatable claim
2. Give clear reasons why it matters
3. Add relevant facts as evidence
4. Explain how evidence proves the reason

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Reason vs. Evidence



Reason

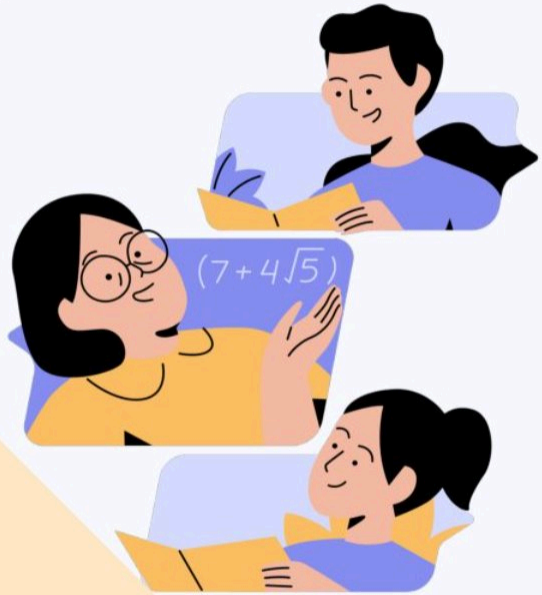
- Why you believe your claim
- Answers: why does it matter?

Evidence

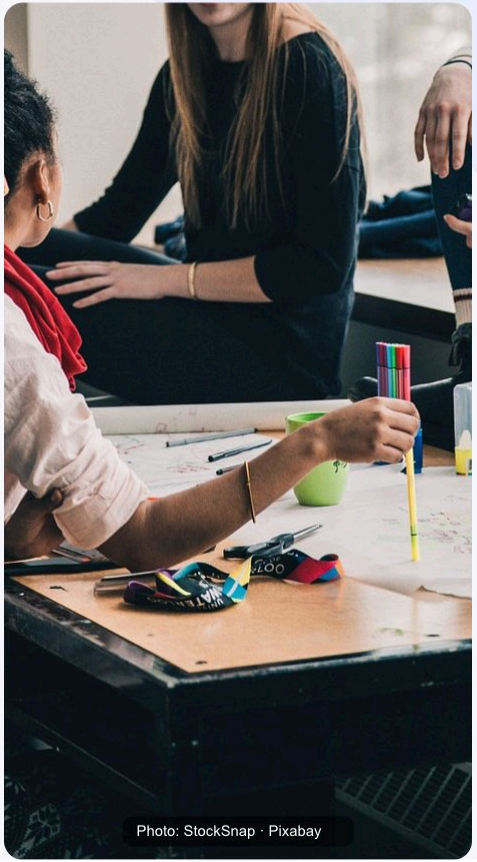
- Facts that prove reason is true
- Answers: how do we know?

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Think, pair, share

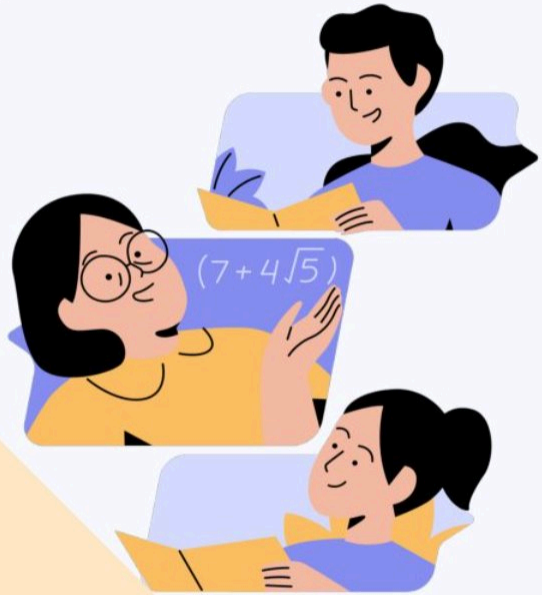


“Homework should be shorter.” Strong claim or fuzzy opinion? How would you improve it?



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What Makes an Argument Work?



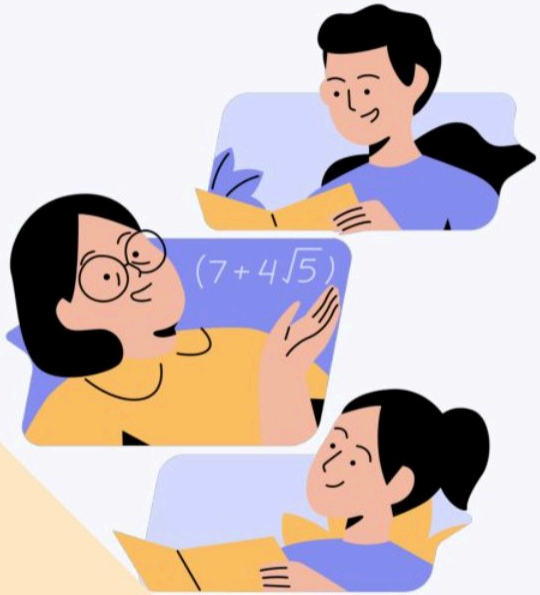


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- Listen for claim + reasons
- Spot what counts as evidence

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From Claim to Convincing



Clear claim states your position

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Strong reason explains why

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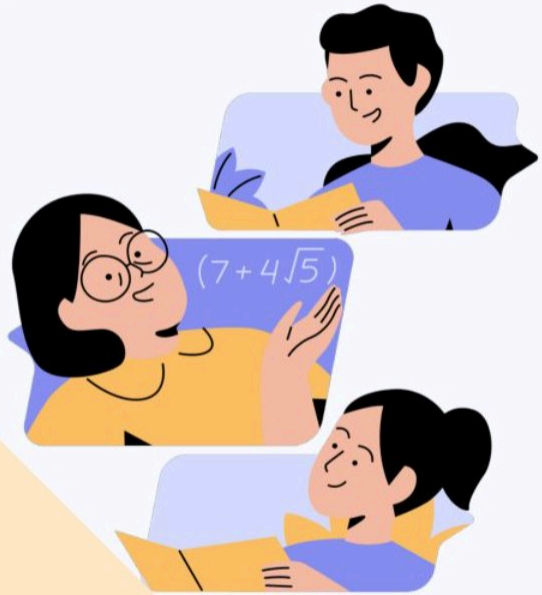
Relevant evidence proves the reason

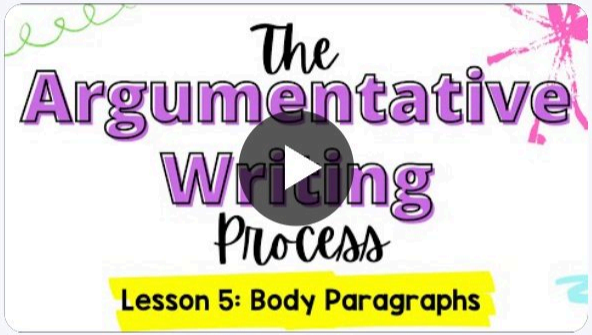
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Explanation links it for the reader

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Build Strong Body Paragraphs



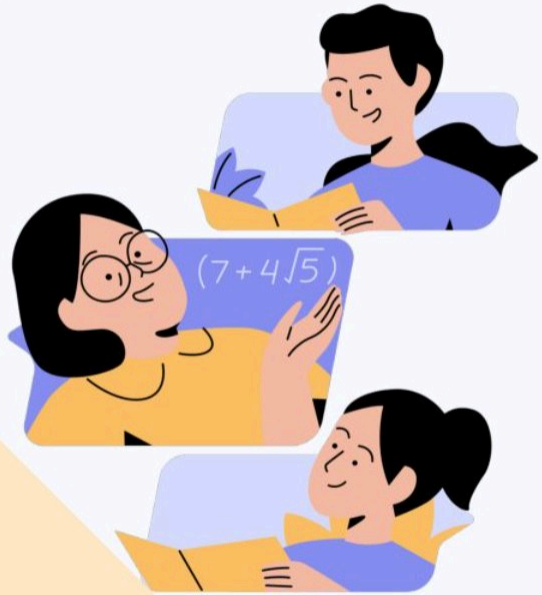


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- Watch how reason starts paragraph
- Notice how evidence is explained

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Your task



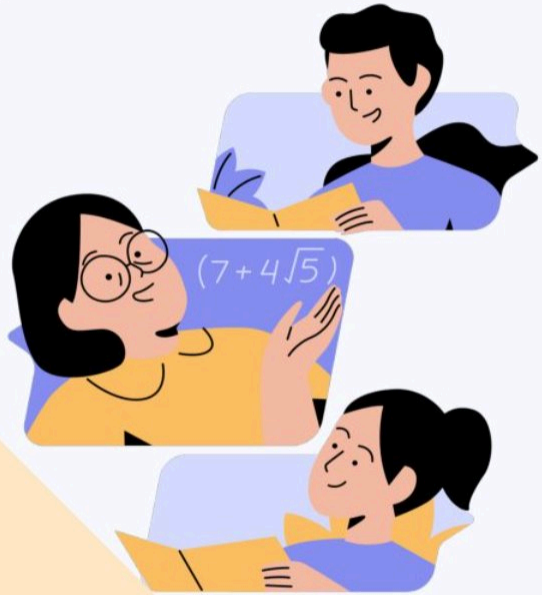
Pick a school claim and write one argument paragraph to support it.

1. Choose: longer recess, later start, or more art
2. Write claim, one reason, and one piece of evidence
3. Add one sentence explaining your evidence

15 min

On your own

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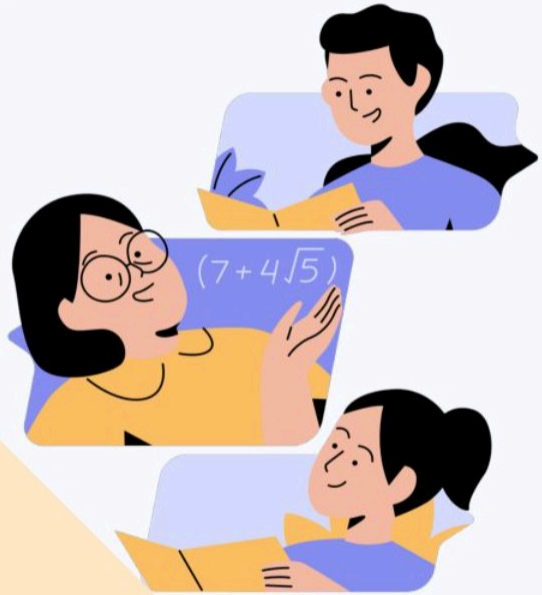
DID YOU KNOW?

Facing the other side makes you stronger.

Fairly showing a counterclaim makes readers trust you more.

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Exit ticket



1. **One thing I learned today...**

2. **Difference between a reason and evidence is...**

3. **One question I still have...**

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