

WEEK 11 – LESSON 2

Counterarguments



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Aim

In this lesson, students will be able to evaluate arguments in Global Perspectives, including recognizing and explaining counterarguments.



Objective

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to determine counterarguments after evaluating the reasoning of an argument in an information source. This will be achieved after conducting individual and collaborative activity.

Key Vocabulary

ARGUMENTS,
COUNTERARGUMENTS

REASONING,
CLAIMS

Questions:

1. What is an argument and how does it support a point?
2. How do you analyse an argument to assess its effectiveness?
3. What are the key components of an argument, such as premises and conclusions?
4. Can you give an example of a strong argument and explain why it is effective?
5. Why is it important to critically examine assumptions and evidence when evaluating an argument?

Effective Argument (Claims, Reasons, and Evidence)

Claims

A claim is a statement that you are trying to prove or support.

For example, the claim "The Earth is round" is not arguable because it is a fact. However, the claim "The best way to learn a new language is to immerse yourself in the culture" is arguable because people can disagree about the best way to learn a new language.

Reasons

Reasons are the statements that you use to support your claim. They should be strong and persuasive, and they should be relevant to your claim.

For example, if your claim is "The best way to learn a new language is to immerse yourself in the culture," your reasons might be that immersion allows you to practice the language in real-world situations, that it gives you the opportunity to learn about the culture firsthand, and that it helps you to develop a deeper understanding of the language.

Evidence

Evidence is the support that you use to back up your reasons. It can come in a variety of forms, such as facts, statistics, expert opinions, and personal experiences.

For example, if your reason is that immersion allows you to practice the language in real-world situations, your evidence might be a study that shows that students who are immersed in a language tend to learn it more quickly than students who are not immersed.

Putting It All Together

Claim: The best way to learn a new language is to immerse yourself in the culture.

Reason: Immersion allows you to practice the language in real-world situations.

Evidence: A study by the University of Michigan found that students who were immersed in a language learned it 50% faster than students who were not immersed.

Reason: Immersion gives you the opportunity to learn about the culture firsthand.

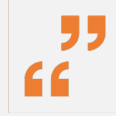
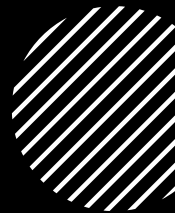
Evidence: A study by the American Council on Education found that students who studied abroad were more likely to develop a deep understanding of the culture than students who did not study abroad.

Reason: Immersion helps you to develop a deeper understanding of the language.

Evidence: A study by the University of California, Berkeley found that students who were immersed in a language were better at understanding the nuances of the language than students who were not immersed.



Tips for Writing Effective Arguments



Make sure your claim is clear, concise, and arguable.



Support your claim with strong and persuasive reasons.



Use relevant evidence to back up your reasons.



Cite your sources properly.



Proofread your argument carefully to ensure that it is free of errors.

Putting It All Together w/ Counterarguments

Claim: The best way to learn a new language is to immerse yourself in the culture.

Reason: Immersion allows you to practice the language in real-world situations. This is important because it allows you to learn how to use the language in a variety of contexts and to develop the fluency that is necessary for effective communication.

Evidence: A study by the University of Michigan found that students who were immersed in a language learned it 50% faster than students who were not immersed.

Reason: Immersion gives you the opportunity to learn about the culture firsthand. This is important because it allows you to develop a better understanding of the language and its speakers. It also helps you to avoid making cultural faux pas.

Evidence: A study by the American Council on Education found that students who studied abroad were more likely to develop a deep understanding of the culture than students who did not study abroad.

Reason: Immersion helps you to develop a deeper understanding of the language. This is important because it allows you to appreciate the nuances of the language and to communicate more effectively.

Evidence: A study by the University of California, Berkeley found that students who were immersed in a language were better at understanding the nuances of the language than students who were not immersed.

Counterargument: Some people might argue that immersion is too expensive or time-consuming. However, there are many ways to immerse yourself in a language without having to travel abroad. For example, you can watch foreign language films and TV shows, listen to foreign language music, and read foreign language books and articles. You can also find online language communities where you can practice speaking and writing with native speakers.

Conclusion: Immersion is the best way to learn a new language because it allows you to practice the language in real-world situations, learn about the culture firsthand, and develop a deep understanding of the language.



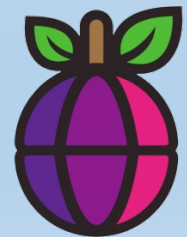
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Following today's lesson, share your thoughts, questions, or reflections related to the lesson.

Thank You!



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