

Building Arguments

Khi tranh biện, em cần xây dựng được những lập luận thật rõ ràng. Trước tiên, em phải chọn được các lập luận hỗ trợ tốt cho lập luận chính của mình. Sau đó, hãy tìm những dẫn chứng củng cố cho từng lập luận hỗ trợ đó. Cuối cùng, em cần giải thích vì sao lập luận của đối thủ là không đúng. Đó gọi là phản biện.

Main Argument



Supporting Arguments



Supporting Examples



Counterargument

☐ Practice supporting and refuting the opinions below.



Supporting Opinions

1. Living in an area with one season is easier...
 2. Different seasons are much better...
 3. Wearing shorts and T-shirts all year is great...
 4. Living in a country with four seasons makes our bodies healthier...
- A because we know what the weather will be like every day.*
B because we get used to different weather conditions.
C because there are many different things to do.
D because it is cool and comfortable.



Refuting Opinions

1. One season all year is very boring.
 2. Having four different seasons is great.
 3. There are many different activities to do when there are four seasons.
 4. Living in a place that has one season is cheaper.
- A That is not true. Beaches and resorts are too busy, so not all people can enjoy different activities.*
B This is not true. Doing my favorite activity all year is great fun.
C I am not sure about that. Many places with one season are very hot or cold. It costs a lot of money to pay for the air conditioning or heating.
D I don't think so. The temperature changes too much. It makes me sick.

Opinion Examples

☐ Read the opinions and answer the questions.

Main Argument

Which is better, one season or four seasons?

Here's why I think one seasons is better.



Joshua

It is much better to live in a country with only one season. This is because we know what the weather will be like. People living in a country with four seasons cannot guess the weather conditions. As a result, they may cancel their plans to go hiking or go to the beach. This is because it may rain or become cold. Also, it is healthier to live in a place with the same season. Many people in Korea get sick when the seasons change.

1. Circle the main idea in each opinion.
2. Underline the supporting ideas in each opinion.
3. Can you think of some examples to support the ideas in each opinion?

Here's why I think four seasons is better.



Melissa

I believe that it is much better to live in a country with four different seasons. Each season, people can do different activities. In the winter, they can do snow sports. In the spring and fall, they can go to the mountains. In the summer, they can go swimming. It is a lot of fun. Also, you can have a stronger body. This is because you can experience hot and cold weather. People living in a place with one season get sick when they go to a country with four different seasons.

1. Circle the main idea in each opinion.
2. Underline the supporting ideas in each opinion.
3. Can you think of some examples to support the ideas in each opinion?