

Read the text. Choose one of the variants



Oscar Wilde once remarked that he disliked arguments as they were always vulgar and often convincing. What, then, is the difference between an argument and a quarrel? Look the word "quarrel" up in a dictionary and you will find it defines it as "an angry argument". It seems that "angry" is the key word here. Both quarrelling and arguing involve disagreements, but it is only during the former that we become angry or upset.

We may raise our voices or even display aggressive behaviour when quarrelling, in an argument, we maintain a level tone of voice and refrain from physically threatening our .

Consequently, should we forget the differences in content? An argument is a discussion or debate in which two or more people put forward different or opposing

Evidence and logic may be used to support the speaker's point of view and possibly to convince the other(s).

Knowing that there are hot-tempered people around, they may get carried away in an argument so that it degenerates into a quarrel, but it should, speaking, be a dispassionate exchange of views rather than a shouting match.