

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 cung cấp 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

Đọc những câu hỏi dưới đây và chọn câu trả lời phù hợp nhất.

1. Which sentence best summarizes the main argument in favor of reading books?
 - a. Reading books is better than using smartphones.
 - b. People should read fewer books.
 - c. Books might be replaced by computers in the future.
2. Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose?
 - a. It is hard for most people to focus while reading books.
 - b. When we read books, we can improve our imaginations.
 - c. Some stories from books are less interesting on the Internet.
3. Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?
 - a. Stories like *Harry Potter* help children imagine the world in the book.
 - b. Books usually give us more detailed information than websites or videos.
 - c. Millions of people around the world enjoy watching videos on YouTube.
4. Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?
 - a. Children can talk to their friends anytime they want with smartphones.
 - b. Reading information on the Internet is cheaper than buying books.
 - c. Children might spend too much time playing games or watching videos.

Opinion Examples

Đọc ý kiến của hai bạn học sinh dưới đây rồi hoàn thành câu tóm tắt bên dưới.

Main Argument

Children should read books instead of using smartphones.

Answers: p. 107

Here's why I think reading books is better.

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Joshua

I am positive that reading books is better than using smartphones. When we read books, we can use our imaginations. We can create our own ideas about the world in our minds. This helps make us smarter. But when we use smartphones, this does not happen. We just look at the pictures on the screen without thinking.

Summary Joshua argues that we use our imaginations when we read.

I don't agree! Using smartphones is the way to go!

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Melissa

There is no way that reading books is better than using smartphones. Reading books can be hard since we have to pay attention to the words. If we don't, then we can't understand the story. Using smartphones is easier. We can just relax and watch a video on the Internet or have fun playing our favorite games.

Summary Melissa says that we can play games on our smartphones, and that is easier than reading books.