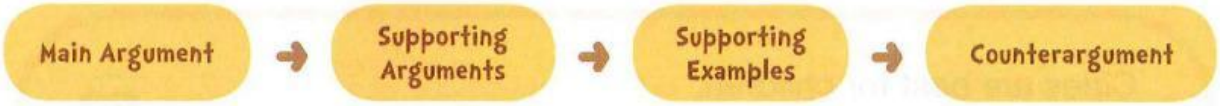
Building Arguments

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.



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 living in cities?

   a. Children will have better lives if they live in cities.
   b. More people now live in cities than in rural areas.
   c. Small towns are the best places for families to live.

2. Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose?

   a. In cities, both parents are more likely to have jobs.
   b. Cities usually have more dangerous people in them.
   c. Children in cities learn to be more independent.

3. Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?

   a. Studies say that cities have more crime than smaller towns.
   b. If children live in cities, they often go to more places by themselves.
   c. Cities are very expensive, so parents do not have a lot of money for their kids.

4. Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?

   a. Cities have dirty air, and this can make children sick.
   b. Most families in cities say that they are happier than families in rural areas.
   c. Children often go to schools in rural areas to get a better education.

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

Main Argument

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Children should grow up in cities.

Cities are best for children. 20



Joshua

It is clear that children should grow up in cities. Cities can allow children to learn much more than rural areas. There are better schools. There are also better museums. So children can learn more about history and art. Many different people also live in cities. This way, children can learn more about people and places all over the world.

Summary Joshua believes that cities help children _____ more because of better schools and _____.

That's not how I see it. Rural areas are better for children! 21



Melissa

Some things are better in cities. But rural areas are much better for children. Children like being outside. They like running around and playing. In the country, they can do this safely. They can play in their yards or in the woods. But cities do not have these spaces. Children would have to play on streets or in busy areas. This can be dangerous.

Summary Melissa thinks that rural areas are better because children can play _____ in their _____ or the woods.

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