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 letting children make decisions?

   a. If children make their own decisions, then they will make mistakes.
   b. Parents should allow children to make their own decisions.
   c. Many parents should make decisions for their children.

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

   a. Children can learn the effects of making decisions.
   b. Children will make the wrong choices.
   c. Parents should make sure that their children are safe.

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

   a. When children grow up, they will need to be independent.
   b. Most children make decisions because of peer pressure.
   c. Children can learn what happens when they decide not to study for their tests.

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

   a. Children cannot understand what decisions are good or bad.
   b. Kids learn important skills by making their own choices.
   c. Parents usually think about what their children need or want.

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Opinion Examples

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

Main Argument

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Children should make their own decisions.

Children should be allowed to make their own decisions. 26



Joshua

Parents must let their children make their own decisions. Children have their own lives. So they should make their own choices. This way, they can control their lives. If a boy likes playing video games more than playing outside, then he should be allowed to do it. When children make their own choices, they can be happier and more independent.

Summary Joshua thinks that children should make their own _____ to control their _____.

That's not right. Parents should decide for their children. 27



Melissa

Parents should make decisions, not children. The reason is that children are too young to make good choices. Children have not lived very long, so they do not have a lot of experience. So they don't know enough to make good choices. Parents are much older and know more about the world. They can help children make good decisions due to their experience.

Summary Melissa thinks that children do not have enough _____ to make good _____.

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