

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 allowing bicycles on sidewalks?
 - a. Bicycles should ride on the side of the road with traffic.
 - b. Riding bicycles is a great way for people to exercise.
 - c. Riding bicycles on sidewalks is safer for cyclists and drivers.
2. Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose?
 - a. Cyclists are less likely to be hit by cars on sidewalks.
 - b. Some sidewalks do not have enough space for bicycles.
 - c. Riding a bicycle in a city can be faster than driving a car.
3. Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?
 - a. Cyclists must be careful not to hit cars parked on sidewalks.
 - b. Cars are usually on roads, and they should not be on sidewalks.
 - c. Pedestrians do not always move out of the way when a bike comes.
4. Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?
 - a. Cyclists should wear helmets when they are on the road.
 - b. Roads are made for cars, so bikes should not ride on them.
 - c. Cyclists can get into accidents with people walking on sidewalks.

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Opinion Examples

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

Main Argument

Bicycles should be allowed on sidewalks.

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Let me speak! Bicycles should ride on sidewalks.



Joshua

I think letting bicycles on roads is a bad idea. Roads are for cars. There is lots of traffic, and cars drive fast. It would be hard for cyclists to avoid the cars. The sidewalk is safer. People walk slowly. Cyclists can avoid pedestrians more easily than they can avoid cars. So they are probably not going to get into serious accidents.

Summary

It is Joshua's opinion that bicycles should use

because roads are for

I don't think so. Cyclists should use roads!



Melissa

There's no reason bicycles should be on sidewalks. Bicycles are vehicles like cars. This means they have to follow the same laws. They should use roads like cars. If bicycles are on sidewalks, they are dangerous for pedestrians. They can run into people and cause accidents. It would be much safer to keep bicycles on roads.

Summary

Melissa thinks that bicycles should use

because they are

like cars.