

## 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 lại 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 against using standardized tests to measure students' abilities?
  - a. Standardized tests cannot measure certain skills.
  - b. Many countries have standardized tests for students.
  - c. Standardized tests accurately show students' abilities.
2. Which sentence is a supporting argument for the main argument you chose above?
  - a. Standardized tests put lots of pressure on many students.
  - b. Standardized tests do not measure students' creativity.
  - c. It is hard to compare students with different school tests.
3. Which sentence gives a good supporting example for the supporting argument you chose above?
  - a. Students cannot show their artistic skills on standardized tests.
  - b. Standardized tests are the only official tests in some countries.
  - c. Many students do badly on tests because they get nervous.
4. Which sentence is the best counterargument against the opposite team?
  - a. It is important for students to apply what they learn in school.
  - b. Some students are better at showing their skills through performances or projects.
  - c. Standardized tests are better than regular school tests.

Answers: p 122

## Opinion Examples

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

### Main Argument

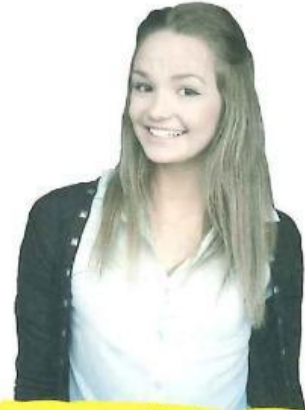
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Standardized tests accurately measure students' abilities.

#### It's clear that standardized tests are fair.

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Standardized tests are the best way to measure students' abilities. The reason is that they make it easy to compare students in different classes and even at different schools. All students take the same test. They get the same questions and have the same chance to show how much they have learned. So standardized tests can make sure that student performance is judged fairly.



Kayla

**Summary** Kayla believes that standardized tests every student \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Every student is different, so we need different types of tests.

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Standardized tests assess only certain academic skills, like reading and math. For example, my favorite subject is physical education. I am good at sports. However, standardized tests do not measure students' physical abilities. Therefore, I don't have a chance to show my abilities. I don't think it is right to assess students only with standardized tests. It is not fair to students who have different sets of skills.



Jackson

**Summary** Jackson argues that standardized tests are not because all students have \_\_\_\_\_ skills.