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.



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 saving land for endangered species?

a. Helping animals is a waste of money that could be spent on people.
b. Saving land to be used by plants and animals will help protect them.
c. Some species are able to live in many different environments.

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

a. We can make money by taking over land used by plants and animals.
b. If we can take land from animals, then we should be able to use it.
c. Plants and animals will go extinct if we do not help save their land.

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

a. Animals and plants may not find new homes if we take their land.
b. Human beings are smarter than other species and should control them.
c. These lands can be used to make farms or build new cities for people.

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

a. The plants and animals we have in our homes give us love and friendship.
b. Our lives are more important than those of plants and animals.
c. We depend on plants and animals and would be affected by their extinction.

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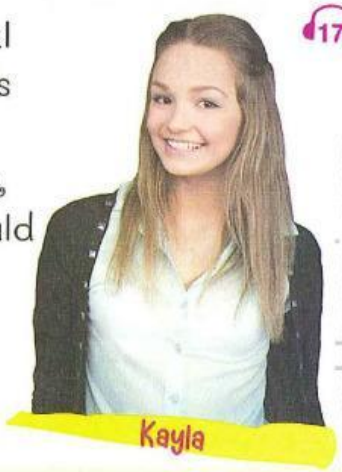
Main Argument

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We should save land for endangered species instead of using it.

It's our responsibility to save land for endangered species!

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Kayla

Human activity is the biggest reason for animal endangerment and extinction. We clear forests for farmland and new towns. This destroys animals' homes. When animals lose their homes, they die. We shouldn't let this happen. We should protect other species from endangerment. Saving land for other species would help stop endangered species from going extinct.

Summary Kayla thinks that saving _____ is a way to protect _____ species.

No way! We should help people first.

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Jackson

As far as we know, saving land for plants and animals will cost us 80 billion dollars a year. That's a lot of money that can help people in need. Why should we spend it on plants and animals? There are millions of homeless, sick, unemployed, and hungry people around the world. We should help them first. And who will pay the cost? Me with my taxes? I'd rather feed a human than give a home to some giraffes that I'll never see.

Summary Jackson thinks we should _____ money to help _____ in need instead of animals.

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