

How to build a strong debate argument

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What is an argument?

An argument is a claim which has to be proved with the use of logical reasoning, examples, and research.

Structure

- Introduction
- Thesis statement
- Supporting Paragraphs
- Constructing Topic Sentences
- Building Main Points
- Countering the Opposition
- Conclusion

- The structure of the debate arguments are quite similar to the ones of an essay
- Start with the **introduction** where you want to, first of all, catch the listeners' attention. Then move on to present your argument
- **Thesis statement** : also called a 'proposition', it is what you are going to try to convince the listeners of. This is what you will be defending for the rest of your talk.

Supporting paragraphs

- Topic sentence



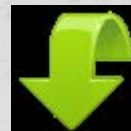
- Explanation and logic



- Primary Example (This is the most salient or obvious example to support your argument.)



- Link example to logic



- Secondary Example

Counterarguments

- Your argument will face opposition;
- Handle your resistance adequately at various points within your supporting paragraphs.
- Avoid hostile language

Conclusion

- Restate your initial argument
- Avoid adding any new information

A sample Proposition

- You can have the Ss read the following to form a better idea about what they are supposed to do
- <https://www.wikihow.com/Sample/Proposition>

References

- <https://danielmiessler.com/blog/how-to-build-a-strong-argument/>
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