

# ARGUMENTATION SHEET

NAME:

Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Argue (give reasons & evidence) in support of your position. Then, anticipate the opposition's arguments. Lastly, put it all together in a comment.

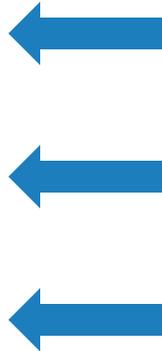
STATEMENT:

MY STANCE:  YES/FOR/AGREE  NO/AGAINST/DISAGREE

## Part I: Write down your arguments

### YOUR ARGUMENTS

Take a stance for/against the statement. Support your reasons with evidence, facts, and relevant examples.



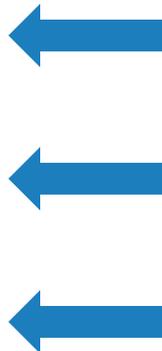
### COUNTER-ARGUMENTS

Anticipate how someone who disagrees might respond: interpret your evidence differently, point to drawbacks or false assumptions.

## Part II: Anticipate the other sides arguments

### OPPOSING ARGUMENTS

Look at it from the other side's perspective and anticipate what arguments the opposition will make.



### REBUTTALS

Defend your position. Refute the opposing argument by showing how/why it is invalid, illogical, or irrelevant.



## Part III: Leave a comment

Imagine reading the statement in a newspaper article, and then deciding to express your point of view in the comment section of the newspaper's website. Use connectors to combine your arguments, and to connect them with those of the opposition's arguments.

### Connectors

#### Adversative connectives:

Use these to signal that two statements contradict each other.

Alternatively  
Although  
However  
In contrast  
In spite of the fact that  
On the other hand

**Example:** Although Mars is similar to the Earth in many ways, its surface is hostile to humans.

#### Additive connectives:

Use these to signal that the two statements are similar.

Again  
Also  
Further  
Furthermore  
In addition  
Moreover

**Example:** Going to Mars would be dangerous. Also, it would be expensive.

#### Causal connectives:

Use these to signal that one thing leads to another (cause-effect).

Because  
Consequently  
Hence  
Since  
Therefore  
Thus

**Example:** The air on Mars contains mostly carbon dioxide. Therefore, humans would not be able to breathe there.

### Comment

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