

Argument Writing: Claims, Reasons, and Evidence

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Quick Review

Focus on argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence?
 - Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.
 - The school should expand peer tutoring because attendance records show tutored students missed fewer assignments and reported greater confidence.
 - Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.
 - Tutoring should happen because I personally enjoyed it last year.
- Which revision best applies argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence? Original: The city should build bike lanes because bikes are nice.
 - The city should build protected bike lanes because crash reports show three of the busiest routes also have the highest number of bicycle injuries.
 - The city should build bike lanes because bikes are nice.
 - Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.
 - Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.
- A student is working on this task: A student is arguing for later library hours. Which choice would be MOST effective?
 - Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.
 - Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.
 - Use library sign-in data and student survey results to show need.
 - Tutoring should happen because I personally enjoyed it last year.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
 - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
 - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
 - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
 - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence.



5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
 - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
 - B. Address the counterclaim that staffing costs may increase.
 - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
 - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
 - A. Relying on popularity instead of evidence.
 - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
 - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
 - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
 - A. It works because it applies argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence to the exact task.
 - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
 - C. It is better because it sounds good.
 - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
 - A. Choose the first familiar word.
 - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
 - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
 - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
9. Write one claim and two evidence-based reasons for a school policy argument.

10. Explain why a counterclaim makes an argument stronger when it is answered fairly.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9
- 10

Explanations

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| 1. B | The correct choice demonstrates argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence clearly and precisely. |
| 2. A | The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning. |
| 3. C | The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make. |
| 4. D | Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do. |
| 5. B | The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill. |
| 6. A | The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill. |
| 7. C | A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer. |
| 8. D | Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices. |
| 9. | Answer: Strong answers should explicitly use argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |
| 10. | Answer: Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |



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