

# argue



verb

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► Say it: ar • gue

Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings	Examples	
1. to disagree or fight	1. The girl <b>argued</b> with her _____ because he forgot her _____.	
2. to give reasons for or against something	2. The _____ <b>argued</b> that her client was _____ because he had no motive to commit the crime.	
<p><b>Present:</b> I/You/We/They argue He/She/It argues</p> <p><b>Past:</b> argued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noun:</b> argument</li> <li>• <b>Adjective:</b> argumentative</li> </ul>	
<b>World Connect</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ for/against something</li> <li>• _____ in favor of something</li> </ul>	<p>I would <b>argue against</b> raising the driving age to 18 because some students need to drive to school or to their jobs.</p> <p>The students <b>argued in favor of</b> going on a field trip to the art museum.</p>	

## Verbal Practice

**Talk about it** Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

**Discuss** your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

**Listen** carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

**Write** your favorite idea in the blank.

- ❶ Brothers and sisters often **argue** about \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❷ I usually feel upset after I **argue** with my \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❸ Some people think that rap music is \_\_\_\_\_, but other people **argue** that it is an art form.
- ❹ If my friends and I could change anything about our school, we would **argue** in favor of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

**Collaborate** Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **argue** and appropriate content.

Many vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_ against eating meat by saying that it is

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Turn** Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **argue** and appropriate content.

Some teachers \_\_\_\_\_ that students should take a lot of tests, but I think that students should do more \_\_\_\_\_ to demonstrate what they know.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences using Meaning 2 of **argue**. In your first sentence, use **argue** in the *simple present tense* with a person's name. In your second sentence, use **argue** with the modal verb *would* and include a word partner.

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② \_\_\_\_\_

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### grammar tip

Modal verbs are helping verbs that give additional meaning to the main verb. *Would* can be used to express a preference.

I **would argue** that football is a dangerous sport.

He **would like** to meet her.

**Write an Academic Paragraph** Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **argue** and original content.

Some parents \_\_\_\_\_ ① that teachers assign too much homework. These parents \_\_\_\_\_ ② that completing large amounts of homework every night causes students to feel \_\_\_\_\_ ③ and keeps them from doing beneficial activities like \_\_\_\_\_ ④. However, other parents argue that homework is important and helps students \_\_\_\_\_ ⑤ what they learned in school. Certainly, some homework is \_\_\_\_\_ ⑥, but in general, most people would probably agree that too much homework is not \_\_\_\_\_ ⑦ for students. Everyone can agree that it is important to help students achieve a healthy balance between school and \_\_\_\_\_ ⑧.