

argument

noun



Say it: ar • gu • ment



Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

1. a fight or disagreement

Examples

1. Carla had a _____ argument with her mother about what time she had to _____.



2. a reason for or against something

2. The congresswoman's persuasive arguments in favor of the law

Synonym: claim

_____ Congress to pass it.



Forms

- *Singular:* argument
- *Plural:* arguments

Family

- *Verb:* argue
- *Adjective:* argumentative

Word Partners

- persuasive _____ Avoiding a head injury is a persuasive argument for wearing a bicycle helmet.
- strong _____ One strong argument for drinking milk is that it strengthens your bones.
- support your _____ In a persuasive essay, you have to support your argument with facts or observations.

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.

① I recently got into an argument with one of my friends because _____.

② During heated arguments, people sometimes _____ and regret it later.

③ One strong argument against selling soda at school is that soda _____.

④ The most persuasive argument for going to college is that _____.

Writing Practice

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

Two persuasive _____ against eating fast food are that fast food is _____ and has high amounts of _____.

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

A strong _____ for playing a sport is that it _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences using Meaning 2 of argument. In your first sentence, use argument in the plural form. In your second sentence, use argument in the singular form and include a word partner.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip
Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add -s.
Her arguments were convincing.
He likes board games.

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

Many schools have banned students from having cell phones. One common _____ that teachers make in support of this policy is that cell phones are disruptive. During class, students sometimes use their phones to _____ instead of _____. In addition, students can also use their phones to _____ on tests. However, one compelling _____ that students make in favor of having cell phones is that they use their phones to keep in touch with _____ before and after school. Students can also use their phones to look up _____ that they don't understand in class. These are all persuasive _____ that schools should consider before banning cell phones.