

argue

verb

Say it: ar • gue #7

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings	Examples
1. to disagree or fight	1. The girl argued with her _____ because he forgot her _____.
2. to give reasons for or against something	2. The _____ argued that her client was _____ because he had no motive to commit the crime.



Forms	Family
Present: I/You/We/They He/She/It argue argues	• Noun: argument • Adjective: argumentative
Past: argued	

Word Partners	
• _____ for/against something	I would argue against raising the driving age to 18 because some students need to drive to school or to their jobs.
• _____ in favor of something	The students argued in favor of going on a field trip to the art museum.

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.

- Brothers and sisters often **argue** about _____.
- I usually feel upset after I **argue** with my _____.
- Some people think that rap music is _____, but other people **argue** that it is an art form.
- 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.

- ① _____
- _____
- ② _____
- _____

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.