

Writing counterarguments

Grade 5 Writing Worksheet

Practice creating counterarguments by filling in the boxes below. Use the example to help you.

Counterarguments are opposing arguments that someone would make if they disagreed with you. When you write an opinion essay, it's important to include a counterargument and explain why it is not correct. This makes your argument stronger!

Argument: Dogs are friendly animals.

Counterargument	Evidence	Discredit their argument
Some people say... <i>dogs are unfriendly animals.</i>	They say this because... <i>they hear dogs barking.</i>	However, this isn't true because... <i>dogs bark as a way to communicate.</i>

Argument: Pets should be allowed in the classroom.

Counterargument	Evidence	Discredit their argument
Some people say...	They say this because...	However, this isn't true because...

Argument: Cursive writing is important to learn.

Counterargument	Evidence	Discredit their argument
Some people say...	They say this because...	However, this isn't true because...

Argument: Children shouldn't have cell phones until they learn how to drive.

Counterargument	Evidence	Discredit their argument
Some people say...	They say this because...	However, this isn't true because...

Write your own argument: _____

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