

Argumentative Writing

Exercise 1:

Develop an Argumentative Essay

Write an argumentative essay on a topic of your choice. Your essay should include a clear thesis statement, evidence to support your argument, and a conclusion that restates your thesis and summarizes your main points.

Exercise 2:

Evaluate an Argumentative Essay

Read an argumentative essay and evaluate its effectiveness. What is the thesis statement? How does the author support their argument? What evidence do they use? Is the essay well-organized? Does it effectively address counterarguments? Write a critique of the essay, pointing out its strengths and weaknesses.

Exercise 3:

Analyze and Refute an Argument

Read an argument and identify its flaws. What assumptions is the author making? What evidence are they ignoring? What logical fallacies are they committing? Write a response to the argument, pointing out its weaknesses and offering counterarguments.

Exercise 4:

Develop a Persuasive Speech

Write a persuasive speech on a topic of your choice. Your speech should be well-organized and include a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Use persuasive language and emotional appeals to convince your audience of your argument.

Exercise 5:

Participate in a Debate

Participate in a debate with a classmate or group of classmates. Choose a topic and take a stance on it. Use evidence and logical arguments to support your position, and respond to your opponent's arguments with counterarguments.