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Argument Writing: Make a Claim

When you make an **argument**, you are making a claim that you believe is true. For example, you might argue that you should be allowed to have a pet dog. To make an effective argument and convince your reader you are right, you will need to provide examples or evidence that support your claim.

A **counter-argument** is a statement that opposes your claim. For example, your parents might argue that you are not responsible enough for a pet dog. Addressing a counter-argument in your writing will make your claim stronger!

How to write an argument:

1. Make a claim.
2. Provide evidence to support your claim.
3. State the counter-argument. (ex. some people think...)
4. Give a rebuttal. (ex. ...but evidence shows...)
5. Restate your claim in a powerful way.

Use the steps above to write an argument about the given topic.

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