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## Argument Writing: Sentence Frames

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!

Here are some sentence frames to help you get started with your own argument writing!

<b>Claim</b> What do you believe?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I strongly believe...</li><li>• (topic) is important for many reasons...</li><li>• Everyone should...</li><li>• In my opinion...</li></ul>
<b>Evidence</b> Give examples that support your claim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For example...</li><li>• Another reason why...</li><li>• You would agree if you knew...</li><li>• Not many people know that...</li></ul>
<b>Counter-Argument</b> What might someone say if they disagreed with you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some people say...</li><li>• It may be true that...</li><li>• It's easy to think...</li><li>• You might argue that...</li></ul>
<b>Rebuttal</b> What would you say to the person who disagreed with you to change their mind?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ...but I argue that...</li><li>• However, the truth is...</li><li>• ...but when you look at the facts...</li><li>• But, the evidence shows...</li></ul>
<b>Conclusion</b> Restate your claim in a powerful way!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In conclusion...</li><li>• Now you can see why...</li><li>• It is clear that...</li><li>• Therefore...</li></ul>