



# Argumentative Writing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 5

## Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: Dear Principal, you need to get us a longer lunch period right now or else.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fix the sentence: Only a fool would think that homework on weekends is a good idea.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fix the sentence: Phones should be allowed in class and if you disagree you are wrong.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the person or group you are trying to persuade with your argument.
2. A respectful \_\_\_\_\_ helps your reader take your argument seriously.
3. When writing to a principal, you should use \_\_\_\_\_ language instead of slang.
4. A writer who understands the audience's \_\_\_\_\_ can choose arguments that matter most to them.

## Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why would you use different words and tone when writing to your principal versus writing to a classmate?

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2. Rewrite this sentence for a parent audience: 'Kids should get allowance because we want money.'

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## Answer Key · Argumentative Writing · Grade: Grade 5

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### Part A: Fix the Sentence

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Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: Dear Principal, you need to get us a longer lunch period right now or else.

Rewrite: Dear Principal, we respectfully request a longer lunch period because research shows students who eat without rushing make healthier food choices.

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2. Fix the sentence: Only a fool would think that homework on weekends is a good idea.

Rewrite: While some educators support weekend homework, students benefit more from rest and family time, which can improve Monday performance.

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3. Fix the sentence: Phones should be allowed in class and if you disagree you are wrong.

Rewrite: Phones should be permitted during research time because they give students instant access to educational resources and digital tools.

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### Part B: Fill in the Blank

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The audience is the person or group you are trying to persuade with your argument.
2. A respectful tone helps your reader take your argument seriously.
3. When writing to a principal, you should use formal language instead of slang.
4. A writer who understands the audience's concerns can choose arguments that matter most to them.

### Part C: Short Answer

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Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why would you use different words and tone when writing to your principal versus writing to a classmate?

You would use formal, respectful language with a principal because they are an authority figure, while you can use casual language with a classmate since you are peers.

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2. Rewrite this sentence for a parent audience: 'Kids should get allowance because we want money.'
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