



Argumentative Writing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- C) I think school lunch should be different.
- D) Some schools have good food and some don't.

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- A) It uses a linking word incorrectly.
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- A) Many students enjoy playing tag at recess.
- B) Our school playground was built in 2015.
- C) A university study found students with daily recess had 40% fewer discipline referrals.
- D) Recess is the favorite part of the day for most kids.

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- A) That is wrong and makes no sense at all.
- B) While some believe homework builds responsibility, studies show short focused practice is more effective than long assignments.
- C) I disagree because homework is boring.
- D) Nobody agrees with that point anyway.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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