



Argue

Arguing students are not always something teachers want to hear in their classroom. However, the original meaning of the word *argue* is to give one's opinion on a view to someone with a differing view. In this use of the word *argue*, the meaning is closer to the meaning of the word debate. Thus, the word *argue* has both an emotional connotation as well as a civil and professional one.

Students may encounter both uses of the word in the stories they read in the classroom. They may read a narrative where an individual is seen arguing with their classmates, or maybe they will find an expository text on differing political view points that spark arguments among passionate people.

Follow-Ups

- How might arguing with a friend or sibling be different than arguing with other students in a debate?
- What are some emotions you might feel while arguing with a sibling or friend? What might you be feeling while arguing in a debate?
- What are some things you might argue about when you argue with your friends or siblings? What are some topics that students may be asked to argue about in a debate?

The Spanish Connection

The word *argue* originally came from the Latin word *argutari* for prattle, and the Latin word *arguer*, meaning 'make clear, prove, accuse.' *Argue*, as in to explain the reasons for a view in a debate, has a Spanish cognate—*argumentar*. To *argue*, as in to be in a disagreement or quarrel, does not have a Spanish cognate.

Word Changes

Argue has two common meanings in use. The subtle difference may be hard for some students to detect. The key is in the emotion behind the argument and the topic of discussion. An argument between siblings and friends tends to include barbs of a more personal nature, such as "Timmy hurt my feelings when..." An argument in a debate or in a court of law tend to include barbs that are more fact based, such as, "With 90% of the school population living more than 5 miles from the school, it is important to provide school bus pick-ups and drop-offs."





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Argue as in to be in a disagreement

- fight
- disagree
- bicker
- dispute
- quarrel
- quibble
- clash
- feud
- spar

Argue as in to explain the reasons for a point of view in a debate

- debate
- assert
- contend
- maintain
- plead
- reason
- refute
- discuss



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IDIOMS

- Hash out
- Cross swords
- Wading in (wading into a debate)
- To argue tooth and nail
- Arguing for the sake of arguing

SPANISH CONNECTIONS

- to argue / argumentar
- to dispute / disputar
- to debate / debater
- to refute / refutar
- to discuss / discutir





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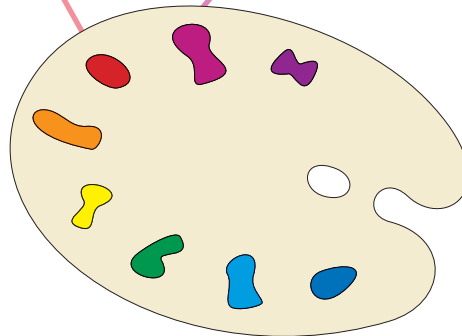


Inflected Endings

- argued
- arguer
- arguers
- argues
- arguing

Derivational Prefixes & Suffixes

- argument
- arguments
- argumentative
- arguable
- arguably
- unarguable
- unarguably
- reargue
- reargues
- reargued
- counterargue
- counterargument



Morphological
Family for
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