



# Argue Using Pathos

Pathos is a Greek word meaning suffering or experience. The English word pathetic, which means arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness, is derived from it. When you use pathos in a story or an argument, you say things that make the reader/listener experience emotions, especially feelings of pity or sadness. Using pathos gets readers/listeners emotionally invested in what you are writing or talking about. Speakers, leaders, advertisers, and people in general use pathos to appeal to people's emotions in order to get them to think or believe certain things or to take certain actions.

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose one of the situations. Write a few sentences using ethos to convince others to agree with you.

- People should have to pass a test before adopting a pet.
- College should be part of free public education.
- All real estate developers should be required to build a certain amount of affordable housing.

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