

Formal Arguments

While everyone has experience arguing, constructing a formal argument is not the same as the kind of arguments you are probably used to having. When you present a formal argument, you must provide evidence and reasoning that supports your claim.

Furthermore, a formal argument requires that that evidence and reasons be presented in a logical order which builds to a reasonable conclusion.

What is Evidence?

Evidence is any information that supports your claim. Evidence can have many forms. It includes:

- personal experience
- statistical data
- quotations from experts or authoritative texts
- the results of research or experiments
- expert testimony, etc.



My claim is _____

Appropriate types of evidence to support this claim would be

