



Deductive Reasoning

Deductive reasoning means making an inference based on information that is well known and widely accepted. When you deduce something, you reason from one (or more) statements to arrive at a logical conclusion. In deductive reasoning, if the premises (statements you are reasoning from) are true, then the conclusion must also be true. Deductive reasoning works from the top down: it begins with a general assumption and narrows in scope until it arrives at a specific conclusion.

1. Read the **Declaration of Independence**. How is it an example of deductive reasoning? Support your answer with text evidence.

2. Write out the deductive argument in three sentences.
