

Argument writing structure

1 Introduction

State the topic and explain its current relevance.

2 Alternative view

Give the main arguments for the opposite viewpoint from the one you intend to argue.

3 Criticism of alternative view

Expose the weaknesses and fallacies of the alternative viewpoint.

4 Your view

Present a series of arguments to support your viewpoint, and support each with evidence in the form of statistics, examples, analogies, details, quotations or references to personal experience.

5 Conclusion

Conclude with a prophecy or warning of what you think future developments might be if the issue is not addressed urgently.