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Chapter 9: Argumentative Essay II

Fundamentals of English Writing

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How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Jane did not know very well
about John.

Jane married John.

How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Jane did not know very well about John, **and** she married him.

How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Jane did not know very well about John, **so** she married him.

How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Because Jane did not know very well about John, she married him.

How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Jane did not know very well about John, **but** she married him.

Although Jane did not know very well about John, she married him.



Discussion Task

Should couples move in together before they get married?

Premarital Cohabitation: *For or Against?*

For

~~Get used to each other's habits~~

Adjust to each other's lifestyle and habits

Learn how to take care of the other person in the right way

Know more deeply about each other's personality and values before deciding if s/he is the right person to marry

~~Save more money~~

A consideration for cohabitation but not necessarily for the sake of marriage

~~Couples who do not cohabit before marriage are more likely to divorce than those who do~~

Not really a reason
for PC

Premarital Cohabitation: For or Against?

Against

Jeopardize conventional values

Sacrifice one's freedom

Reduce premarital pregnancy rate

Cohabitators may not take marriage as seriously as non-cohabitators

Organization: Block Method 📖

Introduction

Explanation of the issue

Thesis statement

I. Responses to the other side

Summarize the opposing arguments and rebut them

II. Your main arguments

Support:

Studies, reports, statistics, reasoning, quotations, examples

Conclusion: reinforce your claim

Block Method: A Variation

Introduction

I. First argument

Support

II. Second argument

Objection, concessions, and responses

III. Third argument

Support

Conclusion: reinforce your claim

Block Method: Type 3

Introduction

I. First argument

Support

II. Second argument

Support

III. Objections and counterarguments

Concessions and rebuttals

Conclusion: reinforce your claim

Point-by-Point Method 📖

Introduction

I. Objection 1 & responses

II. Objection 2 & responses

III. Objection 3 & responses

Conclusion: claim reinforced

What Is an “Argument”?

An argument is a group of statements of reasons (referred to as “premises”) arranged logically to convince someone of a particular conclusion.

An Argumentative Essay

In writing an argumentative essay, you give arguments, which may be organized in a variety of patterns, to persuade your reader to accept your view.

Keys to Writing an Effective Argumentative Essay 📖

- Explain the issue and clearly state your claim
- Prepare your arguments, using an appropriate combination of patterns
- Provide adequate and strong support
- Keep a reasonable tone

Keys to Writing an Effective Argumentative Essay 📖

- Keep a reasonable tone
- Engage the opposition
 - **Make concessions**
 - **Expose the weaknesses of the opposition and rebut it**
- Avoid common logical fallacies
- Conclude the essay by strengthening your claim

How might the following two sentences be joined together and how are they related via different connectors?

Jane did not know very well about John, **but** she married him.

Although Jane did not know very well about John, she married him.

Factual statement; no “stand”/position involved

Discussion Task

“Although Jane did not know very well about John, she married him.”

How did you change this sentence into one that expresses a “stand”? Share your answer with your group members.

Samples *that involve “arguments”*

1. Although many tried to stop Jane from marrying John because she did not know very well about him, she argued that he was her Mr. Right.

Jane's perspective

2. While Jane knew very little about John, there are three reasons why she should marry him.

A third person's perspective

Should couples live together before marriage?

Thesis statement

Premarital cohabitation has many advantages.

While some claim that premarital cohabitation yields several advantages, it remains an unwise choice.

Despite the challenges that face premarital cohabitation, I maintain

Despite a necessary step for all couples.

(for three reasons).

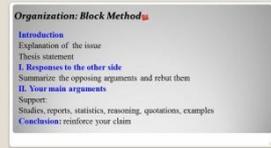
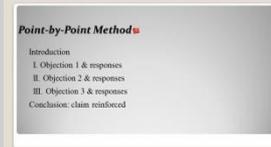
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