

Counter Argument – Answer to Counter Argument Chart

TRANSITION	ARGUMENT	TRANSITION	COUNTER ARGUMENT
True		yet	
Nobody denies		but	
Admittedly		however	
Obviously		nevertheless	
Granted		but	
Undoubtedly		On the other hand	

* In the **ARGUMENT** column, you will write your points that support your position. In the **COUNTER-ARGUMENT** column, please write the responses to your argument.

Next, use the chart to create complete sentences that include your arguments and counter arguments using transition words to strengthen your position. You may have to add an extra word or two in order to make sure the sentence makes sense.

EXAMPLE:

It's true that teaching in Oakland is challenging because many students are struggling with low skills, yet because of this your teaching skills grow tremendously because you need to scaffold all assignments well.

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Date _____
Period _____

How to be Persuasive...

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When trying to persuade someone to see your point of view, you need to be ready to respond to how someone would argue against your opinion... in other words you need to have a come-back.

Here is an example:

Boy: Mom, I need a Play Station 3! (ARGUMENT)

Mom: But you don't need a Play Station 3. Playing with that will only distract you from doing your homework. (COUNTER-ARGUMENT)

Boy: OK, but if I am *that* excited to play with the Play Station 3, then you can use it as leverage when you want me to work harder. For example, when I am done with my homework, you can ask me to see it. If my homework doesn't look carefully done, then you can take away my Play Station 3 until you feel that my work looks satisfactory. In this way, my grades will improve!! (ANSWER TO COUNTER-ARGUMENT)

Now, think about a request or an opinion that your parent or guardian might be likely to turn down, and fill in the chart below:

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