

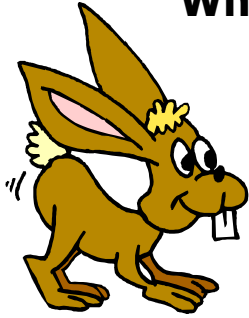
Yeah, but...

Name: _____

Adding Depth With Counterargument



What About All That Evidence for the Other Side?



You can't just pretend the evidence for the other side doesn't exist. So here's the fun part: You get to make the evidence for the other side sound like it doesn't matter! This is probably a skill you use all the time without even realizing it. Coming back with "yeah, but" is a great way to start.

The "yeah" acknowledges that what the other person said is true. The "but" presents your *counterargument*—other facts that show the opposite thing is also true. Your counterargument must be based on facts, not on opinion! Here are some examples:

Argument: Cookies are not good for you. They are full of sugar.

Yabbut Rabbit: Yeah, but they also contain flour and eggs, which are nutritious. (NOT "Yeah, but they taste really good." That's just an opinion.)

Argument: Watching TV is a waste of time. Most of the shows are violent or inappropriate.

Yabbut Rabbit: Yeah, but there are a lot of TV shows that teach you things like history, nature, and science. (NOT "Yeah, but watching TV is fun." That's just an opinion.)

Help Yabbut Rabbit sniff out some evidence to counter the following four arguments:

1) Football is a dangerous sport. Every year a lot of kids get injured.

Yeah, but _____

2) Test scores show what a student has learned. A bad grade on a test means the student doesn't understand.

Yeah, but _____

3) Pets are more trouble than they're worth. They make messes in the house and it costs a lot to feed them.

Yeah, but _____

4) Scientists should find a way to control rain. People have a lot of accidents driving on wet roads.

Yeah, but _____

5) Money causes trouble in society. People fight with each other because some have more than others.

Yeah, but _____

6) Cars are the best form of transportation. It is easier and faster to get places when you have a car.

Yeah, but _____
