

Choosing Your Ride: Private vs. Public Transport

Lesson 34
Critical Thinking

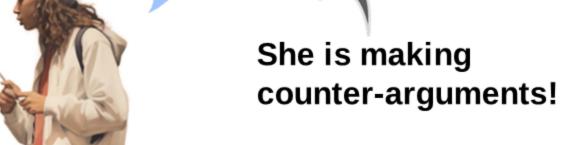


Making Counter-Arguments

A counter-argument is an opposing viewpoint or argument that challenges or opposes a given statement.

It is important for us to focus on one thing at a time.

I don't agree with that. First of all...



To make effective counter-arguments:

- 1. First, show that you understand the opposing viewpoint.
- 2. Then, explain the weaknesses of the opposing viewpoint.



I understand but I don't agree

I know that some people think it is important for us to focus on one thing at a time.

But I have a different idea about it.

Counter-argument

The weaknesses of the viewpoint:

Weakness 1

Weakness 2

Weakness 3

Use a Table

A counter-argument table can help us identify the opposing viewpoint and organize the counter-arguments against it.

Opposing Viewpoint Counter-argument

In the essay, how did Emma and Jack make their counterarguments?



LET'S ANALYZE

Emma stated a viewpoint she doesn't agree with and then made counter-arguments.

Emma: Others believe that using private transport is more convenient and should be encouraged; however, I don't think that is true. First, having a car can be expensive because you need to pay for fuel, maintenance, insurance, and parking. It can be a problem for people who don't have a lot of morey. Second, too many cars on the road cause traffic, which can make us late and delay our plans. Lastly, driving can be stressful, especially in unfamiliar places. It can make us tired and worried.



Opposing Viewpoint

Counter-argument



Emma

Using private transport is more convenient and should be encouraged.

don't think that's true.	First,
Second,	
Lastly,	

LET'S ANALYZE

Jack stated a viewpoint he doesn't agree with and then made his counter-arguments.

Jack Public transport is usually considered to be more practical and environment-friendly, I'll say that's not the whole story. Firstly, public transportation might not always be available in all areas, especially outside of cities. Moreover, some buses and trains still use fuels that are not good for the environment. Thirdly, building and taking care of public transportation systems also use a lot of resources.



Opposing Viewpoint Counter-argument That's not the whole story. Firstly, ______ Moreover, _____ Thirdly, ______

Check their final arguments and counter-arguments.

Opposing Viewpoint

Counter-argument



Using private transport is more convenient and should be encouraged.

I don't think that's true.

- 1. First, private transport is expensive; it can be a problem for people who do not have much money.
- 2. Second, too many private cars cause heavy traffic.
- 3. Lastly, driving can be stressful, especially in unfamiliar places.

Public transport is more practical and environment-friendly and should be encouraged.

That's not the whole story.

- 1. Firstly, public transport is not always available everywhere
- 2. Moreover, some public transport like buses and trains still use fuels that are harmful to the environment.
- 3. Thirdly, building and taking care of public transport systems use a lot of resources.

WRITING TASK



The table provides us with clear writing points for a counter-argument. Try completing the first part using the highlighted points.

Opposing Viewpoint

Counter-argument 🕌



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- 2. Second, too many private cars cause heavy traffic.
- 3. Lastly, driving can be stressful, especially in unfamiliar places.

Some people believe that ______ but I ______ First of all, _____ If we encourage it, then ______ for _____ for _____

WRITING TASK



Complete the second part based on the highlighted point.

Opposing Viewpoint

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Second, private transport will cause ________ If everyone uses________ it can make _______

WRITING TASK



Complete the third part based on the highlighted point.

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Counter-argument



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SUMMARY



We use a counter-argument table to help us present opposing viewpoints. In the student's book on page 71, write your opposing viewpoint based on the given argument. Provide counter-arguments in the table and use them to write a short paragraph.

	Opposing Viewpoint	Counter-arguments
	Living in the city offers a dynamic and exciting lifestyle, with access to	1.
Dory	numerous opportunities and amenities.	2.
		3.
You		

