

Justification/Argumentation ~ References

Justification Paragraph: Academic Language for Justifying a Perspective

Use the following academic phrases, verbs and terms to effectively write your justification.

<i>To introduce or emphasize your perspective . . .</i>		Transitions to Introduce Examples and Experiences	
Verbs	Verb Phrases		
<i>when you agree. . .</i>			
I... believe agree contend maintain conclude support	I ... strongly agree that agree wholeheartedly am quite/fully convinced that am more convinced that ever that still maintain that still contend that continue to believe that	For example, For instance, To illustrate, As an illustration, In my experience, Based on my experience as a student/first-generation immigrant Drawing from my family life, In my personal life, During my childhood, In my school experience, Within my culture/community, Amongst my peers/classmates, As a(n) athlete/student/immigrant/adolescent	
<i>when you disagree. . .</i>			
I... disagree contend maintain conclude	I ... am not quite/fully convinced that disagree somewhat that disagree entirely that cannot support the opinion		
<i>when you are undecided, or see both sides . . .</i>			
I'm undecided uncertain unconvinced unsure	I ... see both sides of the issue am somewhat undecided whether am more inclined to believe that remain unconvinced that can't definitively agree or disagree		

Example Sentences:

After reading the article, I am unconvinced that wild animals should be kept as house pets.

After reading the article, I contend that girls should be allowed to participate in boys' sports.

Although the article includes many convincing details, I am somewhat undecided whether it will be safe for girls to participate in aggressive contact sports.

Based on my experience as a child of a veterinarian, I agree with the position raised in the article regarding the usefulness of therapy animals.

Amongst my peers, the article's suggestion that first impressions of people are rarely accurate seems unrealistic.

After considering the arguments in the article in favor of recycling, I wholeheartedly support a ban on plastic bags.

Although the article provides some reasonable arguments against graffiti, I am not fully convinced that it has little artistic value.