

How do you acknowledge
opposing view points in
your writing?

In this lesson you will learn
how to acknowledge
opposing view points by
conceding a weakness in
your argument.

Let's Review

Persuasive writing is where the author states his or her opinion and then proves it true with evidence.

The goal is to get the reader to agree with what he or she is arguing.

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Thesis statement

Body paragraphs

Getting enough sleep is important because if you don't, you'll face serious consequences. In fact, failing to get enough sleep can cause a drop in grades, can lead to health problems, and can harm relationships.

One effect of not getting enough sleep is falling grades. When you are tired, it is harder to learn. For example, after a late night, many teens find themselves sitting through math class with their eyes drooping and head bobbing. Instead of paying attention to the teachers' instructions, they are completely focused on trying to stay awake. This is a huge problem because when these teens get home, they will be completely lost when it comes to doing their homework. Not only did they miss out on the lesson, but they will be doubly tired, so working on the assignment will be much more difficult. As a result, these tired teens might not understand the next lesson, or they might lose out on homework points, causing their grades to drop. Clearly, losing sleep puts teens on a fast track to an unimpressive report card.

Lack of sleep affects not only your grades, but it also damages your health. Sleep is important for the body. During sleep, the whole body relaxes and has a chance to repair itself. Teen bodies are growing, which automatically puts extra stress on the body. The summer when my brother grew three inches, he spent half of his time eating and the other half sleeping. Growing is hard work! Also, teens are exposed to germs all day at school. Without sleep, the body isn't prepared to battle illness. You'll notice that one of the most common pieces of advice from doctors for people who are feeling under the weather is get plenty of sleep. When you do not get enough sleep, your body suffers. Physical health is an important reason to push yourself to sleep well; however, mental health is just as important.

A lack of sleep can cause crankiness and irritability. People don't spend as much time thinking through what they say before they say it, nor do they make strong decisions. As a result, it is common to see teens get into conflicts with friends, teachers, and family members. These are some of the most important relationships in life, and losing sleep damages them. where, he or she may think that the rules are pretty relaxed there, and are more confident to do something that they shouldn't.

Core Lesson

- 1 Consider weaknesses in your argument.
- 2 Use a concession transition and add that weakness after your elaboration.
- 3 Explain how your argument is still valid despite this weakness.

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BOne reason cell phones disrupt classes. For instance, if a cell phone rings in the middle of lessons. If a cell phone is turned off, there is a good chance that the phone will not interrupt the flow of the class. This can cause a problem. If a cell phone is turned off and the student will have to re-learn the material already covered. Granted, without banning cell phones, when one considers the number of problems that come with allowing cell phones in class, it makes more sense for students to keep them at home.

Why is my argument still valid?

What could make this argument weak?

Core Lesson

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In this lesson you have
learned how to acknowledge
other view points by
conceding a weakness in
your argument.

Guided Practice

Directions: On the next slide, you will see a sample paragraph. Consider possible weaknesses in the argument. Write that concession after the elaboration. Be sure to explain why the argument is still valid in spite of this weakness.

Guided Practice

Spending too much time using technology can hurt relationships. For example, people no longer have real conversations. My little sister, for instance, never calls or visits her friends anymore. Instead, she comes home from school and begins chatting with several friends at once. Instead of focusing on one conversation and talking deeply about something, she has several shallow conversations.

Extension Activities

On the following slide you will see an example of a strong concession. Look at the reasons it is considered strong. Compare it to your concession. If your concession does not look the same, make changes to it. It is ok to use this example as a model!

Extension Activities

Spending too much time in relationships. For example, people have many conversations. My little sister, she visits her friends anymore. In school and begins chatting with them. Instead of focusing on one conversation about something, she has several conversations.

While it can be argued that the fact that she is keeping in touch with several friends helps to strengthen a greater number of relationships, these relationships are not based off of meaningful discussions. A person isn't likely to have a deep connection with someone if they do not really understand how the other thinks and feels about things.

- ✓ Uses a concession transition
- ✓ Acknowledges a different view point
- ✓ Explains why the argument is still strong

Extension Activities

Another place to concede a point is as a hook for the new paragraph. Look at the example on the next slide. Use that example as a model for your own writing. See if you can concede a point as a hook for one of your body paragraphs.

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Some may argue that modern technology helps people stay connected, and perhaps it is easier to stay in touch when you can email, text, post on Facebook walls, chat, and tweet with your friends. However, the reality is that spending too much time using technology can actually hurt relationships. For example, people no longer have real conversations. My little sister, for instance, never calls or visits her friends anymore. Instead, she comes home from school and begins chatting with several friends at once. Instead of focusing on one conversation and talking deeply about something, she has several shallow conversations.

Quick Quiz

Directions: On the following slide you will see a paragraph. Read the paragraph. Think about a possible weakness to the argument.

Acknowledge that weakness and then explain why your argument is still valid.

Quick Quiz

...Not only does technology keep people from having meaningful conversations, it also keeps people from spending time together. Studies have shown that young people do not go to each others' houses as often as they once did. Instead, they chat with each other from their own house. This is a problem because it keeps people from having meaningful experiences with each other. Strong relationships are build on meaningful experiences, so if you're not having them, then your relationships will suffer.