

# I object!

Counter Arguments anticipate was the opposite side might give for reasons and explain why your side is better.

**PART I:** For each claim statement and reasons, write two counter arguments using complete sentences.

1. Claim Statement: Schools should rethink the dress code.

Tooele Junior High School should rethink the dress code because it makes students feel insecure, it is not fairly applied to both boys and girls, and students need to express their style.

Opposite Reason, your Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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Opposite Reason, your Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Claim Statement: Utah should lower the driving age to 14.

Utah should lower the driving age to 14 so students can drive themselves to school, help their parents with errands, and give more freedom to teenagers.

Opposite Reason, your Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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Opposite Reason, your Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part II: Adding Transitions

If you go from talking about your side of the argument to the other side of the argument without a transition, people will get confused. Use some of these transitions when making a counter argument for the next section.

Others may believe that...

It can be argued that...

Alternate viewpoints include....

However some groups point out that...

Some people might say...

Some people might think...

On the other hand...

Another perspective is...

On the flip side...

Opponents disagree because...

**COUNTER ARGUMENT FORMULA: TRANSITION + OPPOSING VIEW + , BUT + EXPLANATION**

3. Claim Statement: Teenagers should not watch so much TV.

Watching too much TV discourages concentration. There are better ways for teenagers to spend their time. Watching TV develops bad habits and can make a person lazy.

*Write a counter argument sentence with a transition, opposing view, and explanation.*

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4. Claim Statement: Parents should extend teenagers' curfews.

Kids would have more time to spend with friends, get exercise, and learn responsibility.

*Write a counter argument sentence with a transition, opposing view, and explanation.*

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5. Claim Statement: Tooele Jr. High School should allow cell phones during school.

Students could use their phones to study and check grades. Parents could get a hold of their children in an emergency. Listening to music helps some students focus.

*Write a counter argument sentence with a transition, opposing view, and explanation.*

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6. Claim Statement: Many young teens are not careful with their social media so they should not have them.

Social media has too many mean people who will cyberbully. Young teens will add "friends" they don't even know. They give out too much information.

*Write a counter argument sentence with a transition, opposing view, and explanation.*

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