



Evaluating Arguments and Evidence

Today's Standard

7.SL.3 - Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

Cues	Notes
What is an argument?	An argument is a set of statements where one or more statements (premises) support a conclusion.
What is evidence?	Evidence is information used to support a claim or argument.
How do you evaluate an argument?	To evaluate an argument, check the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
What makes evidence strong or weak?	Strong evidence is relevant, sufficient, and credible. Weak evidence may be irrelevant, insufficient, or unreliable.
What are logical fallacies?	Logical fallacies are errors in reasoning that undermine the logic of an argument.

Summary

This standard teaches students to critically evaluate arguments by examining the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence. Understanding logical fallacies is also essential.