

## Evaluating Arguments and Evidence

### Today's Standard

7.RI.8 - Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles for bias; Evaluating the credibility of online sources; Assessing arguments in opinion editorials; Debating current events in class; Writing persuasive essays with strong evidence

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to look at arguments and the evidence that supports them. This helps us understand if what we read makes sense and if the evidence is good.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think that any evidence is good, even if it's not. They might also think an argument is good just because it sounds nice. We need to look closely at the evidence to see if it's really good.

### Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- What is evidence?
- How do you know if evidence is good?
- Why is it important to check the evidence?
- Can an argument be good if the evidence is bad?

### Help Me

When you read something, it's important to check if the arguments and the evidence make sense. For example, if someone says that eating carrots helps you see in the dark, you should check if there is good evidence to support this. This helps you understand what is true and what is not.