

# **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.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing political speeches for logical consistency; Evaluating advertisements for valid claims; Assessing the credibility of news sources; Debating in class on current events; Reviewing courtroom arguments in mock trials

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell if someone's argument makes sense and if their evidence is good.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think that all evidence is good, but some evidence is better than others. They also might think that if someone sounds convincing, their argument must be right, but that's not always true.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- What is evidence?
- How do you know if evidence is good?
- What makes an argument strong?
- What is a logical fallacy?

# Help Me

We learned how to tell if someone's argument makes sense and if their evidence is good. This helps us know what to believe in real life, like when we watch the news or see ads.