

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Argumentative Writing**

## Today's Standard

7.W.1 - Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive essay for a school assignment; Creating a debate speech; Writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper; Developing a blog post with a strong opinion; Crafting a proposal for a community project

### Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to write arguments that support my ideas with clear reasons and evidence. This helps me make stronger points in my writing.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think their opinion is enough to make a strong argument, but they need reasons and evidence too. Also, not all evidence is good; it has to come from reliable sources.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a thesis statement?
- Why do we need evidence in our arguments?
- What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?
- What is a credible source?
- Why is it important to address counterarguments?

## Help Me

Writing arguments is like making a strong case for something you believe in. You need to give clear reasons and use good evidence, like facts or examples, to support your ideas. This helps you convince others that your point of view makes sense.