

Week 7 Lesson 3 Possible Answers

Can I use counterarguments to strengthen an argument?

1. **Argument** - Children should be banned from bringing mobile phones into school. They are expensive and cause many problems when they are misplaced, stolen or damaged.

counterargument

It could be said that some of the functions on a mobile phone can help children learn, it is also true that if children are using their phones in the lesson they will be so distracted that they will not be able to focus on what the teacher is saying and the work they are supposed to be doing.

2. **Argument** - Superman is the most powerful superhero. He is able to fly and he is almost indestructible.

counterargument

Some people would argue that Superman cannot be the most powerful superhero as kryptonite can kill him. However, he is protected from its effects if it is covered with lead. All Superman really needs to do is travel with a lead case to protect him from its effects.

3. **Argument** - Dogs are better as pets than cats because they are faithful to their owners.

counterargument

There is an argument put forward that cats are more affectionate than dogs and love being stroked. However, cats will generally go up to anyone and demand to be stroked when they want it. They are not loyal to their owner, whereas dogs are so superior because they are faithful to their owner. Not for nothing are they known as man's best friend.

4. **Argument** - Maths lessons are more important than PE lessons because they allow you to get a qualification that will help you get a job when you are older.

counterargument

PE does teach you about how to be physically active and that will indeed without a doubt improve your health. However, you can develop your physical health in other ways, you could start playing for a football team

or go to dance classes. Whereas maths is only really accessible through lessons in school.