

Arguing a Point

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Getting Started

[Strong opinion]

In my mind, there's no question that...
I feel strongly that...
The way I see it,

[Softer statements]

I'd like to propose the idea that...
Let's consider the possibility that...
I believe many would agree that...



Sequence Markers

First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, etc.

First of all, In the first place

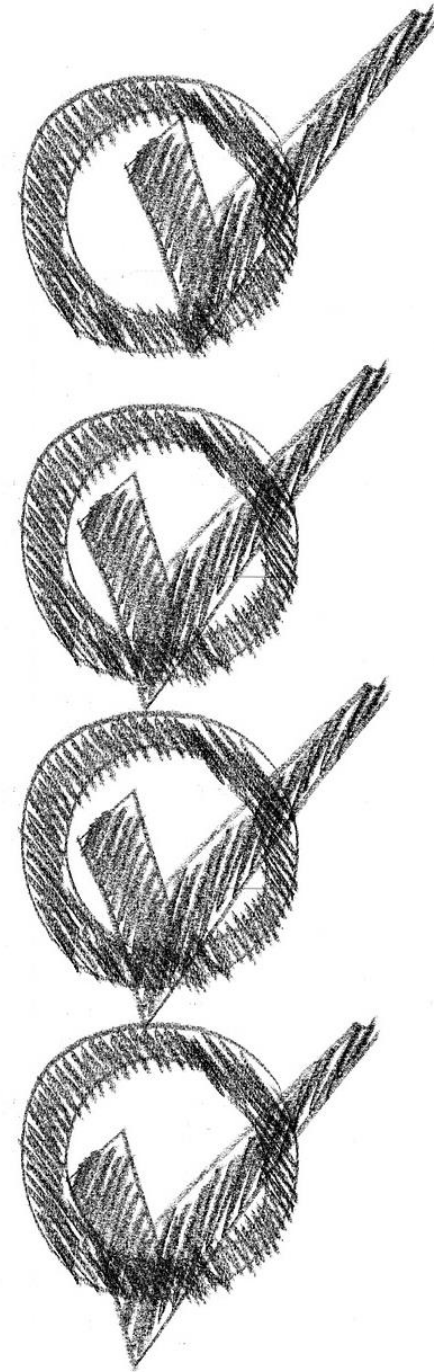
Next, Then, After that

Another [reason, argument, factor, point] is...

I also [want to, need to, have to, should] add...

Finally, Lastly, Last but not least

The final [reason, argument, factor, point] is...



Questions as Transitions

What does this mean?

Why would I say that?

What would be the advantages?

What would be the disadvantages?

What are the arguments in favor of this?



Rhetorical Questions

How could you argue otherwise? You can't.
Can you dispute the logic? Likely not.
Doesn't this make sense? Of course, it does.
How would you feel if...?
Consider what would happen if...?



Addressing Counterarguments

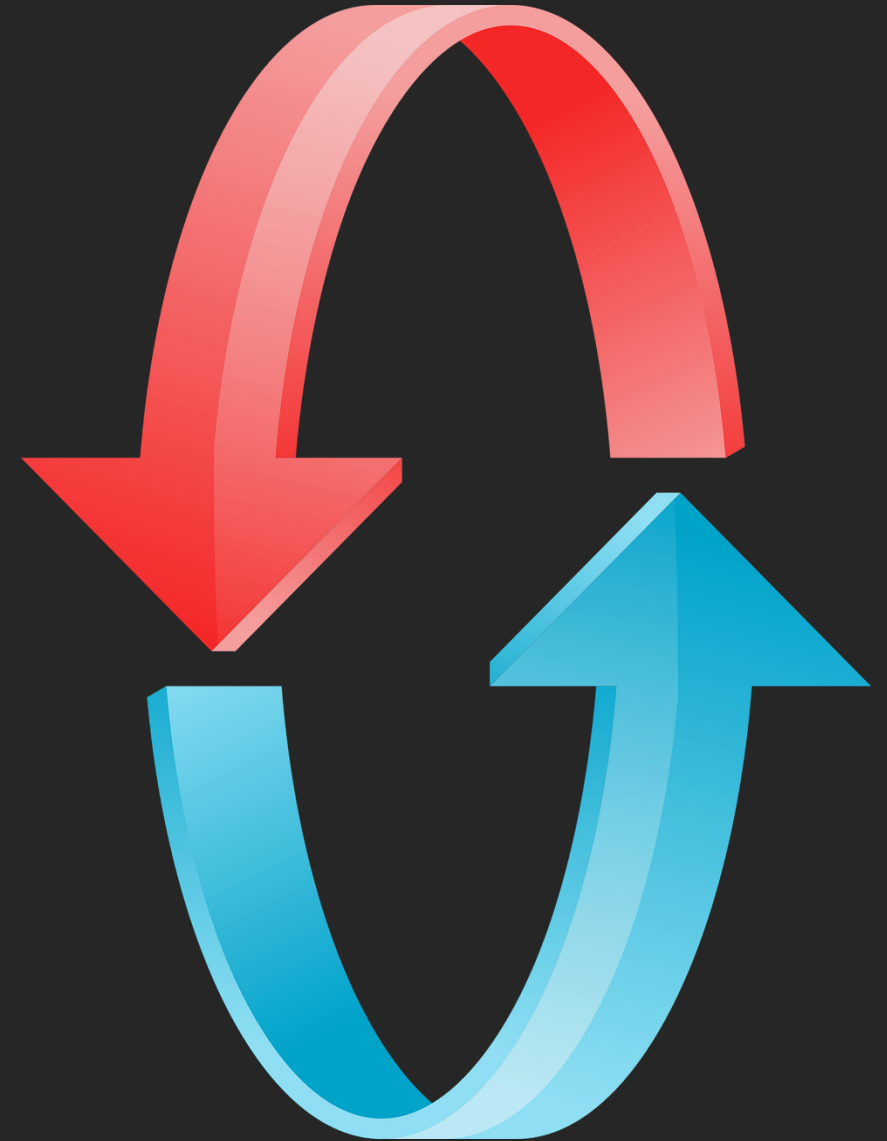
Some may argue otherwise, but...

I know some may disagree, but...

To the naysayers*, I'd explain that...

Those opposed probably don't [realize, understand] that...

naysayer (noun) = one who opposes an idea or believes something is not possible



Concluding the argument

I'll finish by adding that...

Let me end with a question for you to consider.

To sum up,

To wrap up,

On a personal note,

And I'll end there.

