

Argument or Persuasive Writing

Argumentative Writing

Author's Purpose:

To present information that supports a claim

Persuasive Writing

Author's Purpose:

To persuade or convince

Read the sentences below and decide if they are examples of argumentative or persuasive writing.

Circle your choice.

1. It is certainly true that cell phones are a distraction in many situations.

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2. An informal survey found that 16 out of 20 middle school students agreed with the statement "Cell phones are a distraction in many situations."

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3. The Center for Disease Control recommends that children receive a total of 14 vaccines before the age of 6.

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4. So, take your children to the pediatrician today and make sure their vaccinations are up-to-date.

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5. As a compassionate citizen of the Planet Earth, you can surely find time to volunteer at your local recycling center. After all, the future is in your hands.

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6. According to environmental activist Michelle Weber, a staggering 14 million pounds of trash are dumped into the ocean each year.

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7. Studies conducted at Columbia University School of Education suggest that music helps students develop greater concentration and more effective problem-solving skills.

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8. Join the band or the choir today and bring a little extra harmony to your life.

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9. If your heart breaks at the sight of a shivering, homeless cat or a hungry stray dog, you'll surely support the construction of a new shelter in our community.

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