



Arguments vs. Assertions

An assertion is a point of view or an opinion. An argument is a point of view supported by reasons that demonstrate the point of view is a good one.

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence below. Is it an argument or an assertion? Write your answer on the line.

- _____ 1. Cougars are the most dangerous animal in the world.
- _____ 2. Jane is the best student in the class. She has perfect attendance, gets As on every test, and won the science fair last year.
- _____ 3. Girls are usually more artistically inclined than boys.
- _____ 4. Women with paying jobs work harder than women who stay home to raise their kids.
- _____ 5. It is worth the time and money to train your dog, because a well-behaved dog does not freak out and bark when you are in public, and will do what you ask it to do.
- _____ 6. Walking several miles a day with weights is excellent exercise; it strengthens your muscles and, since it is aerobic, your heart.
- _____ 7. Big dogs are more laid back than little dogs.
- _____ 8. This is a very good movie because the script is well written, the actors are accomplished, and the score is both moving and exciting.
- _____ 9. An uncluttered house is a sign of a sharp mind.
- _____ 10. Using a wood burning stove to heat your home in the winter is economical because it costs less over the winter to buy wood than it does to run your HVAC system nonstop.