

**argument**['ɑ:gjʊmənt] *n*

1. довод, доказательство, аргумент

weak [unconvincing] argument - слабый [неубедительный] довод

argument from design - *филос.* телеологический довод

to refute arguments - опровергнуть доводы

2. аргументация; аргументированное выступление (*в защиту чего-л.*)

let's settle this affair by argument not by fighting - давайте уладим дело обсуждением доводов каждой стороны, а не нападками друг на друга

3. спор, дискуссия

an argument with the referee - спор с рефери

It is beyond argument that ... - совершенно бесспорно /и спорить нечего/, что ...

4. 1) тема или основная идея (*литературного произведения*)

the central argument of his paper was presented with clarity - главная тема его работы была изложена ясно

2) краткое содержание (*книги*)5. *лог.* средний термин силлогизма6. *мат.* аргумент, независимая переменная7. *информ.*, *вчт.* параметр

argument list - список параметров

argument passing - передача параметров

**argument**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ar-gu-ment** [argument arguments] *BrE* ['ɑ:ɡjʊmənt] *NAmE* ['ɑ:rɡjʊmənt]

noun

1. **countable, uncountable** a conversation or discussion in which two or more people disagree, often angrily• to **win/lose an argument**

• After some heated argument a decision was finally taken.

• ~ **(with sb) (about/over sth)** We **had an argument** with the waiter about the bill.• ~ **with sb** She **got into an argument with** the teacher.2. **countable** a reason or set of reasons that sb uses to show that sth is true or correct

• Her main argument was a moral one.

• ~ **for/against sth** There are strong **arguments for and against** euthanasia.• ~ **that...** His argument was that public spending must be reduced.3. **uncountable** ~ **(about sth)** the act of disagreeing in a conversation or discussion using a reason or set of reasons• Let's assume **for the sake of argument** (= in order to discuss the problem) that we can't start till March.Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'process of reasoning'): via Old French from Latin **argumentum**, from **arguere** 'make clear, prove, accuse'.Thesaurus:**argument** noun

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• He got into an argument with the teacher.

**quarrel** • • **dispute** • • **debate** • • **disagreement** • • **squabble** • • **controversy** • • **shouting match** • |especially AmE **fight** •|BrE, informal **row** • |informal **tiff** •a/an argument/quarrel/dispute/debate/disagreement/squabble/shouting match/fight/row/tiff **with** sb(a/an) argument/quarrel/dispute/debate/disagreement/squabble/controversy/shouting match/fight/row/tiff **between** A and B(a/an) argument/quarrel/dispute/debate/disagreement/squabble /controversy/fight/row **about/over** stha **bitter** argument/quarrel/dispute/debate/disagreement/controversy/row(a/an) argument/quarrel/dispute/controversy/row/fight **breaks out****Which word?** A **quarrel**, **fight** or **row** is usually only between people who know each other:

• We had an argument with the waiter about the bill.

✗ We had a quarrel/fight/row with the waiter about the bill. A **quarrel** is less violent than a **fight** or **row**, but it can continue for a period of time; an **argument** can be violent or it can be a serious discussion.

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• arguments for and against nuclear power

**case** • • **reason** • • **justification** • |BrE **defence** • |AmE **defense** • |law **plea** •a/an argument/case/reason/justification/defence **for** stha/an argument/case/reason/defence **against** stha **strong/legal** argument/case/defence/reason/justification**put forward** a/an argument/case/reason/justification**strengthen** a/an argument/case/defenceExample Bank:

• As I see it, his argument boils down to a combination of two basic points.

• Centralized government, so the argument goes, is too far removed from the problems of ordinary citizens.

• Do you have any evidence to support your argument?

• He felt offended by the suggestion, and a violent argument ensued.

- He put forward some very convincing arguments.
- He was able to see both sides of the argument.
- I can see a few problems with this line of argument.
- I can see no flaw in the argument as she has just explained it.
- I can see no flaw in your argument.
- I don't want to get into an argument with her.
- I had a big argument with my mother this morning.
- I was determined to win the argument.
- I'll briefly address each argument.
- In her closing argument, the prosecutor said that the hairs found on the defendant matched those of the victim.
- Jory was always the one who settled arguments between us.
- Let's assume, for the sake of argument that we can't start till March.
- Minutes later a violent argument erupted.
- She tried to think how to refute the argument on moral grounds.
- The argument over decentralization will probably continue for ever.
- The author makes a compelling argument for the use of hydrogen as a fuel.
- The company dismissed his arguments as alarmist.
- The government's argument is always based on how much such a plan would cost.
- The proposals were accepted without further argument.
- The same argument applies to adoption.
- Their argument sounds plausible but is it really valid?
- There is a very good argument for increasing spending on education.
- There is room for argument about precise figures.
- These arguments suggest that the medical establishment had an interest in suppressing the research.
- This argument can be applied to other contexts.
- This argument is developed further in the next chapter.
- We had an argument about what we should buy.
- What are the arguments in favour of change?
- an argument between her parents
- an argument with his wife
- arguments concerning the nature of morality
- the arguments against increasing taxes
- the bitter arguments raging about who was the real winner
- the language used to frame the legal arguments
- After some heated argument a decision was finally made.
- There are strong arguments for and against childhood vaccinations.

## argument

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**argument** S1 W1 /'ɑːrɡjəmənt, 'ɑːrɡjəmənt/ 'ɑːr-BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> noun

[Word Family: adjective: †arguable, †argumentative; verb: †argue; noun: †argument; adverb: †arguably]



1. [countable] a situation in which two or more people disagree, often angrily

### argument with

She had a big argument with her husband.

### argument about/over

There have been a lot of arguments about who was responsible for the accident.

2. [countable] a set of reasons that show that something is true or untrue, right or wrong etc:

We need to provide a convincing argument as to why the system should be changed.

### argument for/against

a powerful argument against smoking

A good argument can be made for comparing the IT revolution with the invention of writing itself.

### argument in favour of

the arguments in favour of banning tobacco advertising

### argument that

the familiar argument that the costs outweigh the benefits

3. [uncountable] when you disagree with something or question whether it is right

### do something without (further) argument

Ian accepted the suggestion without argument.

for the sake of argument (=in order to discuss all the possibilities)

If, for the sake of argument, you aren't offered the job, what will you do?

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## COLLOCATIONS

### verbs

- **have an argument** I could hear my parents having an argument downstairs.
- **get into an argument/become involved in an argument** She didn't want to get into another argument about money. | I left to avoid becoming involved in an argument.
- **start/cause an argument** He was deliberately trying to start an argument. | Money often causes arguments.
- **avoid an argument** I was anxious to avoid an argument.
- **win/lose an argument** The party hopes to win the argument about how to reform the health system. | The first one who resorts to violence is usually the one who's lost the argument.
- **an argument breaks out (=it starts)** The men were drunk and an argument soon broke out.
- **an argument erupts (=a big argument suddenly starts)** A bitter argument erupted between the brothers over who should inherit the money.

### adjectives

- **a big/huge/massive argument** There was a big argument about whether we should move to a new house.
- **a heated argument (=involving very strong feelings)** Someone was having a heated argument with a police officer.
- **a bitter argument** There are bitter arguments about whether he was a hero or a war criminal.
- **a furious/fierce argument** As soon as she had gone a furious argument broke out.
- **a violent argument** The singer was hurt in a violent argument with her husband.

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## THESAURUS

- **argument** a situation in which people speak angrily to each other because they disagree about something: an argument between two drivers over who had right of way | A 29-year-old man was shot and killed today after an argument over a gambling debt.
- **row** *British English, fight especially American English* a loud angry argument with someone, especially your boyfriend, girlfriend, or someone in your family. **Row** is also used about a serious disagreement between politicians about important public issues: There were always fights between my parents. | the continuing row over tax increases | A few months ago they had a big row, and Steve drove off and spent the weekend in London.
- **disagreement** a situation in which people disagree with each other, but without shouting or getting angry: There were the occasional disagreements about money, but mostly we got on well. | Ginny had left the company after a disagreement with her boss.
- **quarrel** *especially British English* an argument, especially one in which people get angry and that lasts a long time. **Quarrel** sounds more formal and more serious than **argument** or **row**: a bitter family quarrel
- **feud** /fjuːd/ a very bitter argument between two groups, especially families, which lasts for many years and causes people to hate each other: The feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys raged for 20 years.
- **dispute** a public or legal argument about something, especially one which continues for a long time: Morris has been involved in a long legal dispute with his publisher. | The settlement will resolve a long-running dispute over the country's nuclear program.
- **war/battle of words** an argument in which two people or groups criticize each other continuously in public: The war of words over construction delays at the airport has erupted again.
- **bust-up** *British English informal* a very bad argument, especially one in which people decide to separate from each other: He had a bust-up with the team manager.
- **shouting match** an angry argument in which people shout at each other: He got into a shouting match with another driver.
- **slanging match** *British English informal* an argument in which people insult each other: He was sacked after a slanging match with a colleague.

### an argument that is not very serious

- **squabble** /'skwɒbəl \$ 'skwɑː/ an argument about something that is not important: There were the usual squabbles between brothers and sisters. | Voters are tired of petty squabbles between party leaders.
- **tiff** *informal* an argument that is not very serious, between people who are in love: Gary had a bit of a tiff with his girlfriend.
- **misunderstanding** a slight argument – a rather formal word which is often used humorously: There was a slight misunderstanding over the bill, but everything's been sorted out now.
- **skirmish** a short argument, especially between politicians or sports opponents: Evans and O'Brien had several political skirmishes.

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