

Argument Structure Checklist

1. Thesis + Reasons + Evidence

- Does the thesis clearly state the writer's position?
- Are reasons logically connected to the thesis?
- Is evidence provided for each reason (facts, data, examples)?
- Is there a clear link between thesis and supporting paragraphs?

2. Counter-Argument & Refutation

- Has at least one counter-argument been included?
- Is the counter-argument realistic and relevant?
- Does the refutation effectively respond to the counter-argument?
- Are transition signals (e.g., 'On the other hand', 'However') used?

3. Problem → Solution Flow

- Is the problem clearly defined and not too broad or too narrow?
- Are solutions realistic and feasible?
- Has effectiveness of each solution been explained?
- Have possible drawbacks or limitations been acknowledged?

4. Signal Words Bank

Argumentative Signals:

- On the other hand
- In contrast
- Nevertheless
- A better solution would be...

Problem/Solution Signals:

- One major problem is...
- This issue can be addressed by...
- A possible solution is...
- In order to tackle this issue...