

Counter Argument Sentence Starters

Step 1: Create a topic sentence that connects to your thesis.

Step 2: Introduce counterclaim

1. "Some people may argue..."
2. "A possible concern is..."
3. "A common counterpoint is..."

Step 3: Provide evidence that develops the whole counter argument.

1. "For example, they contend that..."
2. "Those who believe... say that ..."
3. "Opponents to this idea would say that..."

Step 4: (THE MOST IMPORTANT) Discuss the evidence and provide a rebuttal so that your thesis is strengthened.

1. "That is an understandable concern, however..."
2. "This argument is wrong because..."
3. "Although some people think... others understand..."
4. "The evidence, however, overwhelmingly supports the argument that..."
5. "Despite...., the truth is...."

Example

Example thesis: If the government puts as much money behind solar energy as it does behind fossil fuels and ethanol, solar energy will become cost-effective in the short-term as well as the long-term.

Example body paragraph for counter argument:

Solar energy is the key to our future. **However, some argue that** solar energy does have some drawbacks. There is pollution created by the transportation and production of solar panels, the relative expense of panels, and the need for a sunny and non-polluted environment. According to Maggie Koerth-Baker in *National Geographic News*, solar energy is "the most expensive form of electricity among current technologies for new electricity generation, about \$396 per megawatthour for PV." **Despite** the high cost, **it is still** the only available energy resource that is both renewable and has no carbon footprint at least in its energy conversion process. In addition, government incentives, continued investment, and technological advances are driving down the price of panels, making them more affordable for businesses and individuals.