

IV Now you will work with a partner to strengthen your persuasive argument. You will accomplish this by practicing an argument - counter argument dialogue with a partner on paper. **YOUR PARTNER WILL PRETEND TO BE YOU, AND YOU WILL ACT THE PART OF THE PERSON YOU ARE IN CONFLICT WITH.** Your partner will give your arguments, and you will give the counter arguments that you expect to hear from the person you are in conflict with.

The point of this exercise is for you to think deeply about the other person's perspective so that later you can prepare convincing answers to his/her counter-arguments.

EXAMPLE:

Opening One Liner (counter argument perspective):

Darren: What is the point of moving to Italy in our mid-thirties?

ARGUMENT	COUNTER ARGUMENT
<p>Example: <i>If we go to Italy, we will learn a new language and be more marketable when we return.</i></p>	<p><i>But Italian is not a language that is much in demand in the Bay Area job market.</i></p>

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Written Dialogue

Opening One-Liner (counter argument perspective):

ARGUMENT	COUNTER ARGUMENT

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH:

There are so many reasons I want to move to Italy. First of all, I could find work there as a teacher at an international school, so money will not be an issue. Next, I know that if we move to Italy we will gain a fresh perspective on life. We will see people relaxing in cafes, sipping their cappuccinos and hear them shout "ciao!" to everyone who walks in. People are not afraid to express themselves over there! Without a doubt, we would make ourselves more marketable by living abroad in Italy and learning Italian, as well as adapting to working conditions in another culture. How great would that look on a resume? I know that the kind of people who would appreciate these values and skills in an individual would be the types that we would like to work for when we return to the USA. If we live in Italy I will learn how to cook, I mean *really* cook. I'm talking about the secrets of making pasta and tiramisu. When I return to the USA I'll be able to make healthy delicious meals at home, instead of always relying on Trader Joe's meals. Since Italy is close to many other interesting cultures, we will spend free time traveling to different places such as France and Spain. We will see great works of art, and architecture...