

Upper Level Level - October 2026

Week 4: Argument Writing: Toulmin Model | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

Toulmin model	Argument structure: claim, grounds, warrant, backing, qualifier, rebut
claim	The central assertion being argued
grounds	The evidence directly supporting the claim
warrant	The logical principle connecting evidence to claim
backing	Additional support for the warrant itself
qualifier	A word limiting the strength of a claim (most, usually, often)
rebuttal	The counterargument the writer anticipates and refutes
concession	Acknowledging a valid point in the opposing argument
logical fallacy	An error in reasoning that undermines an argument
nuanced argument	An argument acknowledging complexity rather than absolute certainties

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Name and define all 6 components of the Toulmin model.

2. Why is a "warrant" the most sophisticated component of the Toulmin model?

3. What are 3 common logical fallacies? Give an example of each.

4. How do qualifiers (most, often, usually) make an argument MORE credible, not weaker?

5. How is the Toulmin model more sophisticated than a basic 5-paragraph argument structure?
