

Supporting Facts and Statistics

Arguments in persuasive writing should be supported by facts and statistics. The following arguments are followed by three supporting statements. Two of the statements contain opinions and generalizations. One is a statement of fact. Read each set of arguments and pick out the statement that is a fact or statistic.

It's important to wear sunscreen when you are outside in the summer.

It smells good.

It's really smart to wear sunscreen.

Even a suntan is evidence that the sun has damaged the skin.

You should always drive the speed limit.

Driving fast is dangerous.

Speeding is a contributing factor of one-third of fatal car crashes.

Speeding isn't fun.

Our family should get a dog.

I have time before and after school to walk the dog.

It is fun to run with a dog.

Dogs make good pets.

Frozen fruit pops are healthier than ice cream.

They taste better.

There is no fat in frozen fruit pops.

Grape is the best flavor.

