Refining Qualified Arguments

AP English Language and Composition · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
support /səˈpɔːt/	The data **support** the writer's claim.
complement /ˈkɒmplɪmənt/	The two sources **complement** each other: each adds what the other lacks.
contradict	The second source seems to **contradict** the first.
concede /kənˈsiːd/	**Concede** a point to show you are fair.
merit	The plan has some **merit**: it has good points.
rebut /rɪˈbʌt/	**Rebut** the objection with stronger evidence.
alternative interpretation	Offer an **alternative interpretation** of the same facts.
refute /rɪˈfjuːt/	Use evidence to **refute** the claim: show that it is false.
counterargument /ˈkaʊntərɑːgjuːmənt/	A **counterargument** gives the opposing view.
objection /ɒbˈdʒekʃn/	Answer the main **objection** to your plan.
qualifier /ˈkwɒlɪfaɪə/	"Usually" is a **qualifier** that limits a claim. "Usually"
counterexample /ˈkaʊntəregzæmpl/	One **counterexample** can overturn a claim about every case.
overclaim	Saying "this proves everything" is an **overclaim**. "this proves everything"

exercises.lol exercises.com.cn