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Writing a Thesis - Vocab Cards

argument noun

a statement that is supported by evidence.

Judge Posada listened to the lawyer's *argument*, but even with all of the evidence, he could not decide who was right.



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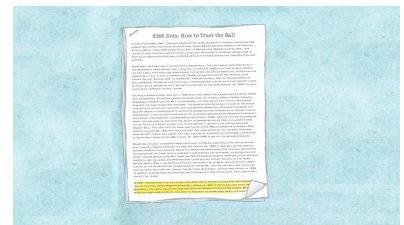
conclusion noun

the last main part of a piece of writing or speech.

Edna returned to the same story in her *conclusion* that she had used in the beginning of her speech. Starting and ending in a similar way was a strategy she had learned in school.

Synonyms: finale

Antonyms: beginning, introduction



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debate verb

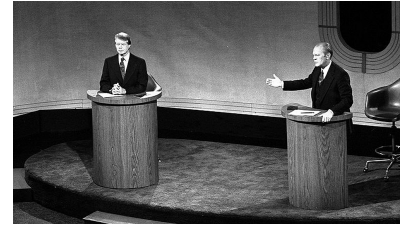
to argue or discuss.

The two candidates were set to *debate* whether or not the town should expand the local recycling program.

Synonyms: contend

Antonyms: agree

Debate can also be used as a noun, like in this sentence: "Our town held a debate about increasing pay for firefighters."



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focus verb

to direct attention or effort to something.

When cleaning your house, you should *focus* on one room at a time so you don't get distracted.

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influence verb

to sway or affect.

The military women wanted to *influence* young girls in a positive way, inspiring them to take on big challenges.

Synonyms: affect, sway

Influence can also be used as a noun, like in this sentence: "My mother was a big influence in my life."

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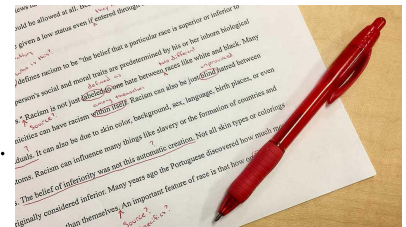
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revise verb

to make changes and rewrite in order to improve or correct something.

Now that I've learned more about the topic, I'd like to *revise* my answer.

Synonyms: rewrite



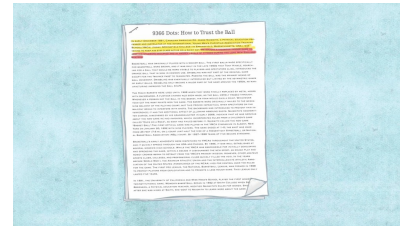
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thesis noun

a statement that a writer wants to prove in an essay or speech.

Steven stated his *thesis* very clearly at the beginning of the essay, so we knew the argument he was making about the movie.



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vague adjective

not clearly expressed.

I thought the author's point was *vague* in the essay. In fact, I got really lost in her unclear writing.

Synonyms: unclear

Antonyms: clear



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