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Given info aka premise -> Conclusion

## This is argument

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Argument = A statement (or group of) meant to convince a listener/ reader to accept a conclusion

- An equivalent word for argument in logic, is debate

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- neo riche, people whose wealth was accumulated by lottery or something sudden
  - they tend to be spendthrift

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- Reasoning: the thinking power/ability to look at the number of statements and arrive at a conclusion. It is a requirement to use logic
- Argument is a group of statements, you need reasoning to see if the statements are relevant or in the right sequence.
  - Arguments can be good or bad, or rather "valid" or "invalid"

## Proposition

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Assertion about something or someone

- it states that something is/ isn't the case

1. claims about something

2. Has a Truth value

- Don't get into subjectiveness, that is debatable

3. Affirmation possible

- Affirming the truth value, confirmation, checking and confirming

- however there are many advanced kinds of logic which consider reality itself subjective, but we won't deal with them

## What is not a proposition?

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- Commands (or Declaration) and Questions are not propositions
  - Requests are either a command or a request, so they are not propositions

# Proposition == Sentences?

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- John ate the pizza
- The pizza was eaten by John
- It is the pizza that was eaten by John
- It is John who ate the Pizza
- Pizza, John ate. (yoda stuff)

Syntax doesn't change the fact it's a proposition, but they are different sentences

- They can even be translated

Similarly, the same sentence can have different propositions

- also depends on body language, context etc.
- he is the richest man on earth (can refer to anyone)

- SO, the answer is NO

Propositions can have components of more basic propositions

Argument is a cluster of propositions

- Proposition1-Propositions2- proposition3... -PropositionN

Are all clusters of propositions, arguments?

NO.

- we may not infer anything from a cluster of propositions

Updated definition: An argument involves inferring/deducing/arriving at a conclusion on the basis of given information

if this definition is not followed, it isn't an argument