

## Avoid Circular Reasoning

Circular reasoning, from the Latin *Circulus in Demonstrando*, occurs when the end of an argument comes back to the beginning without having proven itself. This form of reasoning is considered a pragmatic defect, or informal fallacy, rather than a formal logical fallacy because it follows a valid pattern of argument: A proves B. However, unlike a logical argument, B depends on A to be true, causing the statement to loop back around.

### Examples:

- A. Everyone loves Rebecca, because she is so popular.
- B. America is the best place to live, because it's better than any other country.

**Topic:** *A company wants to use money to help employees work better. One way is to improve the technology equipment (computers, printers) used by employees and improve efficiency. Another way is to redesign the space to make the working environment more comfortable and have more meeting rooms for discussion. Which way do you recommend? Why?*

Over the last few decades, most companies have tried various ways to help their employees work better. Although there are different ways for improving employees' efficiency, I firmly believe that redesigning the space to make the working environment more comfortable and having more meeting rooms for discussion is the best way. I feel this way for many reasons, two of which I am going to explain in what follows.

First and foremost, employees spend lots of time in working environments, and most of the times, working environments are extremely boring and uncomfortable. Psychologically speaking, if the working environment is comfortable, employees will work more efficiently. I know that most successful companies provide a wide variety of facilities in the working environment to make there comfortable for their employees. If these successful companies had not done this action, they would not have been successful.

**Topic: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing games together is a good way to build closer relationships**

Establishing friendship is not as easy as it may seem. It requires much time to get to know the characteristics and personality of other people. In my opinion, spending time with others by participating in a group game is an effective means to build a close relationship. To better illustrate my point, I will give two reasons in the following paragraphs.

First, taking part in shared entertainment activities is an excellent way to spend time with others. The more time you share with others, the more mutual intimacy builds up. There is no doubt that we feel the most intimate with family members because they are the ones who have been by our side from the very beginning of our lives. In the same way, if one wishes to be as close as a sibling to another person, they will have to be with them for longer periods of time.

**Topic:** Which one of the following do you prefer to do in order to find a successful job?

- a. Asking the opinions of others (real-life and online friends)
- b. Sending letters to the company
- c. Looking for information on the internet or advertisements in the newspaper

Throughout history, human beings have tried to find successful jobs. Although nowadays there are lots of job positions, finding one which is more suitable for us is not easy at all. If I want to find a successful job, I will ask others for their opinions . I have many reasons to support my idea, two of which I will discuss below.

First and foremost, it is my firm conviction that asking for advice from others is not only important, but also necessary, especially about finding a job. Many times, I ask for advice from my parents and friends and discuss all aspects of the job precisely. Having a discussion about various aspects of the jobs positions enables me to weigh up all the positive and negative aspects of the job. Most of the times when I did not ask for others' advice, I made costly mistakes which I could have prevented. Six months ago, I asked for the opinions of my friends about finding a new job. After a long discussion, they convinced me to start my own business. My company is one of the best companies in my country. If I had not asked my friends for their opinion, I would have been a simple employee in a small company now.