

Checklist: Questions for Planning an Argument

Questions for Decision Arguments

- What is the decision that needs to be made?
- What are the major decision options?
- Which option do you believe is best?
- What criteria will you use to make the decision?
- How does the evidence for each criterion support your recommendation?
- Why are the other decision options not as good as the one you recommend?

Questions for Evaluation Arguments

- Who or what is the subject of the evaluation?
- What criteria will you use to make the decision?
- What is your overall evaluation of the subject?
- How does the evidence for each criterion support your overall evaluation?
- Do your criteria identify both positives and negatives of the subject?

Questions for Diagnostic Arguments

- What is your definition of the problem?
- What tools can you use to diagnose the problem?
- What are the major causes of the problem?
- How does the evidence support your diagnosis of each cause?