

FOCUS ON
Writing an Argument

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. If you had to write an argument, what topic would you choose? Why?
3. What is an example of a linking word?
 - A. introduction
 - B. therefore
 - C. draft
4. Why is it helpful to end your essay with a conclusion?
 - A. Readers will be more likely to disagree with you.
 - B. Readers will be reminded of your main argument.
 - C. Readers will be unable to understand the evidence.

5. What does **reorganize** mean in this book?

*First, read through your essay. Does each paragraph flow smoothly? If not, you may need to **reorganize** your sentences.*

- A.** to put in a different order
- B.** to state an opinion
- C.** to research a topic

6. What does **transition** mean in this book?

*Linking words include because, therefore, and for example. Also, use **transition** words when moving from one paragraph to the next.*

- A.** editing a draft
- B.** proving an argument
- C.** connecting two things

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. C