

Using logic, Using sources

Developing Academic Writing

Using Sources

1. Evidence that agrees with your thesis

- Facts to support your premises
- Similar conclusions, which you will add to
- Facts that support a conclusion similar to yours

2. Evidence that contradicts your thesis (counter-evidence)

- Alternate conclusion that might explain your facts
 - Argue why that alternative is not correct
 - Argue why your alternative is more likely

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- State your claim (thesis, etc.)
- Give your evidence
 - Data from your research
 - Quotes from sources
- Explain how the evidence supports the claim

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Author's point

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Material from source

Explain connection

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