



Worksheet 8: Two-sided arguments

For each of the following questions, decide what the two sides of the argument are and write suggestions to support each side to arrive at a balanced answer. The first example has been completed.

1 Discuss whether or not the demand for air travel is likely to increase in the future.

Why demand for air travel would increase

- Global incomes increase, which could make air travel more affordable
- Advances in technology can make air travel faster/cheaper
- More routes can be opened
- Globalisation may encourage the movement of passengers/transport of cargo
- Substitutes to air travel, e.g. car travel, can become slower/more expensive

Why demand for air travel would not increase

- Ticket fares may increase, e.g. due to some low-cost carriers going out of business
- Fears of a pandemic could mean fewer passengers
- Pressure groups may campaign against the environmental footprint of air travel

2 Discuss whether or not an increase in population always increases government spending.

Why higher population would increase government spending

Why higher population would not increase government spending



3 Discuss whether healthcare should be provided by the private or the public sector.

Why healthcare should be provided by the private sector

Why healthcare should be provided by the public sector

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4 Discuss whether or not an increase in saving is always beneficial.

Why an increase in saving is beneficial

Why an increase in saving is not beneficial

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5 Discuss whether or not the actions of trade unions always improves the living standards in an economy.

Why trade union action improves living standards

Why trade union action may not improve/may worsen living standards

6 Discuss whether or not supply-side policies always reduce inflation.

Why supply-side policies reduce inflation

Why supply-side policies may not reduce inflation



7 Discuss whether or not a government should always encourage an increase in the share of secondary sector activity.

Why a government should encourage the secondary sector

Why a government should not encourage the secondary sector

8 Discuss whether or not a rise in unemployment would be a cause for concern for a government.

Why a rise in unemployment would be a cause for concern

Why a rise in unemployment would not be a cause for concern



9 Discuss whether or not specialisation benefits an economy.

Why specialisation may benefit an economy

Why specialisation may not benefit an economy

10 Discuss whether or not globalisation is a disadvantage to an economy.

Why globalisation may be a disadvantage to an economy

Why globalisation may be a benefit to an economy