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Supporting arguments are particularly important when you are writing a longer piece such as an essay, an assignment or a proposal. They help you to produce a well-written piece which develops each topic sentence in logical steps, making each point clear to the reader.

**Practice****1** Read the topic sentences and complete the supporting arguments.

- a** Riding a motorbike is both convenient and dangerous.

For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

- b** Many people now believe we shouldn't travel by plane.

This is because of \_\_\_\_\_.

- c** I believe that trains are the best form of transport.

One reason for this is \_\_\_\_\_.

- d** We can solve a lot of problems by recycling.

For instance, \_\_\_\_\_.

- e** Electric cars are probably the cars of the future.

This is due to \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Reread the supporting arguments you wrote in Exercise 1. Can you add a second supporting sentence to each paragraph?**a** \_\_\_\_\_**b** \_\_\_\_\_**c** \_\_\_\_\_**d** \_\_\_\_\_**e** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Match the beginning of each supporting argument with the correct statistics or facts.**

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| <b>a</b> One of the hottest places is Death Valley, California, | _____ the vegan diet, which cuts out all animal products. |
| <b>b</b> Indeed, in the UK, women are entering university in    | _____ now than ever before.                               |
| <b>c</b> In fact, fewer Americans smoke                         | _____ where temperatures can reach over 47°C.             |
| <b>d</b> A very popular choice is                               | _____ having a pet helps you to be healthier.             |
| <b>e</b> Many studies have shown that                           | _____ much higher numbers than men.                       |

**4 Paraphrase the sentences.**

- a** Nowadays, many people say that life is more difficult than in the past.  
In other words, \_\_\_\_\_.
- b** If we do not stop cutting down forests, soon many animals will be extinct.  
That is to say, \_\_\_\_\_.
- c** For young people, it can be very difficult to buy a house.  
Simply put, \_\_\_\_\_.

**5  Work with a partner. Review the sentences you wrote in Exercises 1 and 2. Choose your best topic and write a complete paragraph.**

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**6  Read the topic sentence. Work together to write three supporting sentences.**

- Use your dictionary if you need help with vocabulary.

People have always wanted to explore other places, and in modern times this has meant going into space.

- a** \_\_\_\_\_
- b** \_\_\_\_\_
- c** \_\_\_\_\_

## Reflect

**7 What kind of supporting argument(s) did you use in Exercise 6?**