

Response templates

Disagree

- ☐ By focusing on _____, Author misses a more important issue.
- ☐ Author's claim that _____ is difficult to accept, because it is based on the assumption that _____.
- ☐ Several of Author's statements are contradictory. On the one hand, he/she asserts that _____. On the other hand, he/she states that _____.
- ☐ Author is mistaken because he/she fails to consider that _____.
- ☐ In arguing that _____, Author overlooks recent research that _____.
- ☐ I think Author is mistaken because (he or she) overlooks _____.
- ☐ Author's claim that _____ rests on the questionable assumption that _____.
- ☐ I disagree with Author's point of view that _____ because recent research has shown that _____.
- ☐ By focusing on _____, Author overlooks the deeper problem of _____.

Agree

- ☐ If Author is correct, which I believe he/she is, then we need to _____.
- ☐ I agree that _____ because my experience _____ confirms it.
- ☐ Author is surely right about _____ because, as she may not be aware, recent studies have shown that _____.
- ☐ Author's theory of _____ is extremely useful because it sheds insight on the difficult problem of _____.
- ☐ I agree with Author that _____, a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe _____.
- ☐ Those unfamiliar with Author's school of thought may be interested to know that it can be summarized as _____.

Qualification: "Sure, but..."

- ☐ Although Author is correct that _____ and that _____, his or her conclusion that _____ is problematic.
- ☐ While I agree/disagree with Author's assumption that _____, I fully oppose/endorse his or her proposal to _____.
- ☐ I cannot endorse Author's view that _____, even though I will concede that _____.
- ☐ Though Author may be right that _____, he/she neglects that _____.
- ☐ Author provides evidence that _____, but contradictory research that _____ is more convincing.
- ☐ Although I concede that _____, I still insist that _____.
- ☐ While Author is probably right/wrong when he/she claims that _____, he/she is wrong/right that _____.
- ☐ On the one hand, Author's assertion that _____ is helpful. On the other hand, he/she is incorrect that _____.