**Counterclaim and Rebuttal**

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| - A claim that opposes the claim being argued  
- Include a reason (because) for the counterclaim | - Discredit the counterclaim  
- Include evidence and reasoning that supports your rebuttal |

**Sentence starters:**

- Those in opposition might say... because ...
- Opponents claim... because ...
- The opposing view is that... because ...
- Others might think... because ...
- Some people think... because ...
- On the other hand... because ...

- However... (evidence)  
- Nevertheless... (evidence)  
- Nonetheless... (evidence)  
- Despite my opponent’s arguments... (evidence)  
- Even though opponents say... (evidence)