

Philosophers

Definition a origin of “Philosopher”.

A Philosopher is a student of philosophy. This word is created from two ancient Greek words:

Philos- lover

Sophia- wisdom

So the definition of philosopher is as a lover of wisdom.

Positive and Negative Arguing

It is our goal in class to argue as Philosophers have for centuries, in a positive way. **Positive arguing** is arguing that persuades others to come to our point of view by giving strong reasons to support what we are arguing for. Positive arguing is also recognized to be positive by the way we show gentleness and respect for those we are arguing against.

Negative arguing is arguing that attacks not only the idea that you are arguing about with a person but the person themselves. It is a type of arguing that is full of anger and lack of respect.

To be a positive arguer is to be a person who persuades who they are arguing against with strong reason to support what they are saying while showing gentleness and respect for the person they are arguing against.

Practice work

Take the arguments below and rewrite them to win the argument but in a more positive way.

1. I can't believe you won't let me go out tonight! You hate me! You never let me have any fun!
2. But I need that game! Everyone else is playing it and if I don't have it I won't have anything to talk to anyone about! Why can't you just do something nice for me this once!
3. Just because you think going out of the country is dangerous doesn't mean it is! Treat me like a grownup for once!
4. I will not wreck the car! You treat me like a baby! I will be fine driving it to the movies! Everyone else gets to do this!
5. I am going to go to the movies no matter what you say! I can get a ride!

