

Arguments, argument indicators, recognizing arguments
PHIL 110

In the following passages, identify the premise(s) and conclusion of the argument being given. *Circle* any premise indicators, put a *double underline* under any conclusion indicators, and *underline* the conclusion of the argument.

1. All crimes are violations of the law. Theft is a crime. Therefore, theft is a violation of the law.
2. No national election has ever been won or lost by one vote. Thus there's no need to vote in the upcoming election.
3. Expectant mothers should never use recreational drugs, since the use of these drugs can jeopardize the development of the fetus.
4. Cheeto's are orange. I have a Cheeto in my pocket. So, I have something orange in my pocket.
5. If pigs fly, then Dennis is a ghost. Pigs do fly, so Dennis is a ghost.
6. Since we have two choices in Iraq, either to "stay the course" or "cut and run," and we can't cut and run, it follows that we must stay the course.
7. The fact that there was never a land bridge between Australia and mainland Asia is evidenced by the fact that the animal species in the two areas are very different. Asian placental mammals and Australian marsupial mammals have not been in contact in the last million years.
8. The occurrence of bad things in the world is inconsistent with the existence of a supremely powerful, supremely knowledgeable, and perfectly good being. Since bad things happen in the world, it follows that God doesn't exist.
9. It is immoral to believe something on the basis of insufficient evidence. This is true because it is immoral to do something that may cause harm to oneself, to others, or to humanity at large, and believing something on the basis of insufficient evidence can cause such harms.
10. The stakes in whistleblowing are high. Take the nurse who alleges that physicians enrich themselves in her hospital through unnecessary surgery; the engineer who discloses safety defects in the braking systems of a fleet of new rapid-transit vehicles; the Defense Department official who alerts Congress to military graft and overspending: All know that they pose a threat to those whom they denounce and that their own careers may be at risk.
11. If a piece of information is not "job relevant," then the employer is not entitled to know it. Consequently, since sexual practices, political beliefs, associational activities, etc. are not part of the description of most jobs, that is, since they do not directly affect one's job performance, they are not legitimate information for an employer to know in the determination of the hiring of a job applicant.
12. If the body is physical and the mind is not, then it is impossible for the mind and body to interact, since a physical thing couldn't interact with a non-physical thing. But the mind and body do interact, so if the body is physical, then the mind is too.