



Sentence Stems for Conceding and Refuting

Task: Use the table to help you concede a counterclaim, refute it, or do both!

Conceding	Refuting	Conceding & Refuting
"It is true that ____."	"However, this argument overlooks ____."	"While it is true that ____, this does not mean that ____."
"Admittedly, ____."	"This claim fails to account for ____."	"Although ____ has some validity, it ultimately fails to consider ____."
"There is some merit to the argument that ____."	"On closer examination, this reasoning assumes ____, which does not hold up."	"Granted, ____; nevertheless, ____."
"To be fair, ____."	"The evidence does not support this conclusion, because ____."	"Critics rightly note that ____, yet this does not undermine the larger claim that ____."