Elements of Nonfiction

**ARGUMENT**

An argument consists of a claim, or position on an issue or problem, supported by reasons and evidence. A strong argument also raises possible objections to the claim and offers counterarguments, or arguments made to prove that the opposing viewpoint is wrong.

**Directions:** Complete each graphic by writing reasons Sohn gives for each position and the evidence she uses to support it.

### Claim: Video games can be good for you.

**Reason:**
They enhance reading skills.

**Support:**
A game called Animal Crossing teaches players to read above grade level.

### Claim: Video games can be bad for you.

**Reason:**
Media violence causes children to act aggressively.

**Support:**
A child psychologist says that children who watch kickboxing immediately imitate the actions they see.