

Recognizing Arguments

For each of the following, tell whether or not it could be seen, without additions, as an argument.

- 1 . The need for a more just system for the prosecution of criminals has led the state of New Hampshire to review its criminal justice system.
2. It's sunny out today.
3. It's sunny out today. The grass is green and healthy. And there's a soft, steady breeze coming out of the southwest.
4. If I can't figure out my homework, then you should help me.
5. If I can't figure out my homework, then you should help me. After all, you're my big brother. And big brothers are supposed to give their little brothers a hand at times like that.
6. Keiko has a Kilimanjaro Cobra mountain bicycle. So I'm sure that Keiko has a bicycle.
7. Professional singers protect their voices by warming up before performing. Sopranos do; altos do; and tenors do also.
8. Smith got "A's" on all her tests. And she got the highest grade in class on her term paper. Not only that, but she's been accepted to Harvard Law School.
9. Shale is less hard than diamond. And anything that's less hard than diamond can be cut by diamond. Mica is less hard than shale. Therefore, diamond will cut mica.
10. Children respond well to encouragement. They also respond well to careful explanation. And Cindy gives both encouragement and careful explanations to children.
11. If the students take good notes, they'll do well on the test.
12. If the students take good notes for this class, they'll do well on the test. They all took good notes for this class. So, they'll do well on the test.
13. I don't feel any need to take notes on this material; nobody here seems to be taking notes.
14. The instructor got out her textbook. As soon as she did, everyone in class got out their textbooks, as well. So, I got out mine, too.