

Intermediate Making a Formal Argument – Giving and Receiving

Directions: Argue for or against the statement below using a formal argument. In a formal argument, you must:

- 1) State your position.
- 2) Provide point(s) that support your position.
- 3) Support each point with specific reasons/examples.

Statement: It is better to give than to receive.

Example Answer: I agree with the statement above. Studies have shown that acts of selflessness reduce stress and increase self-confidence. People who care for the needs of other people do not focus as much on the things they lack. And people who are selfless are more involved socially, which is good for their health and mood. On the other hand, sometimes it is good to receive as well. If you are sick, sad, or in need, it is comforting to have the support of friends. It is good to both give to and receive from people who are important to you.

