

AP English Language and Composition

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1. The difference between rebutting and refuting is that refuting...
- ☐ is more polite
 - ☐ demonstrates invalidity with evidence
 - ☐ comes at the end
 - ☐ concedes first
2. You have a contrasting perspective but no evidence of invalidity. The right move is to...
- ☐ refute
 - ☐ rebut
 - ☐ ignore it
 - ☐ restate your thesis
3. Select **all** the routes to conceding that the CED names.
- ☐ accept all or part of the competing claim
 - ☐ agree it is correct under different circumstances
 - ☐ acknowledge the limitations of your own argument
 - ☐ ignore the competing claim

Tick every correct option.

4. The turn after a concession may re-argue exactly what was conceded.
- ☐ True ☐ False
5. If a text contains no counterargument, the writer has made a mistake.
- ☐ True ☐ False
6. A concession costs only the _____ you gave up.
- _____
7. Evidence and sources will either support, complement, or _____ a writer's thesis.
- _____

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1. **demonstrates invalidity with evidence**

A rebuttal only **proposes** invalidity; a refutation **demonstrates** it.

2. **rebut**

A rebuttal proposes invalidity; attempting a refutation without evidence is the commonest exam mistake.

3. **accept all or part of the competing claim; agree it is correct under different circumstances; acknowledge the limitations of your own argument**

The third route does not concern the opponent at all.

4. **False**

That withdraws the concession — turn on **different** ground and make the turn narrower.

5. **False**

The CED states that **not all arguments explicitly address a counterargument**.

6. **claim**

And it buys credibility with the reader who reads your next paragraph.

7. **contradict**

Check which one before assuming a quoted source is on the writer's side.