

WHAT VIDEO GAMES CAN TEACH US / THE VIOLENT SIDE OF VIDEO GAMES

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Reading Skill

EVALUATE SUPPORT

To avoid being swayed by a weak argument, it is a good idea to **evaluate the support** and reasoning a writer includes. Here are some weaknesses to watch for.

- **Vague language**—statements that are unclear
- **Irrelevant examples**—examples that do not directly relate to the claim
- **Overgeneralizations**—statements too broad to be accurate. Overgeneralizations often use words such as always, never, everyone,

Directions: In the charts, record examples of strong and weak support from each article. An example has been done for you.

“What Video Games Can Teach Us”

Strong Support	Weak Support
	vague language: “a number of young gamers” (line 33)

“The Violent Side of Video Games”

Strong Support	Weak Support