

Identify the fallacy each passage commits. (Ad hominem (abusive/ circumstantial/ poisoning the well), tu quoque, appeal to people (group solidarity/ bandwagon/ exclusive), appeal to pity, appeal to force, rigid application of a generalization, hasty generalization, composition (parts to whole/ members to group), division (whole to parts/ group to members), and slippery slope.)

1. Jones advocates fluoridation of the city water supply. Jones is a convicted thief, and so we should not fluoridate the city water supply.
2. First offenders usually commit petty theft. Often they are teenagers, still attending high school. They may have done nothing more than go on a high-speed joyride with their companions. They are emotionally shaken by the arrest and fingerprinting process, and their parents are quite distraught when they learn the news and post bail. For these reasons, law enforcement officers are inclined to go easy on first offenders. We agree. Think about the mistakes you made as a teen. Then give a kid a break.
3. The Supreme Court weighs between 100 lbs and 300 lbs, given that each of the Justices weighs between 100 lbs and 300 lbs.
4. More people drive Chevrolets than any other car. Shouldn't you?
5. Discriminating palates prefer Cristal Champagne. Therefore, you should drink Cristal Champagne.
6. Since the universe as a whole lacks purpose and we belong to the universe, our perception of being purposeful must be a mere illusion.
7. OLED TVs have set the new standard in television viewing. All we ask is that you go into any of our stores and look at one yourself. We bet that you will join the millions of others who have switched.
8. One day little Johnny asked his mother for a new bike. She replied, "At Christmas you send a letter to Santa to ask for what you want, don't you?" Johnny answered, "Yes, but Christmas is months away and I don't want to have to wait that long." She said, "Then why not send Jesus a letter and ask him?" Johnny sat down with a pen and paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy and I would like a new bike. Your friend, Johnny." He read it over and didn't like it, so he wrote another letter: "Dear Jesus, sometimes I'm a good boy and I would like a new bike. Your friend, Johnny." He didn't like this one either, so he wrote another letter: "Dear Jesus, I thought about being a good boy and I would like a new bike. Your friend, Johnny." He thought awhile and decided he didn't like this one either. He left and went walking around, depressed, when he passed by a house with a small statue of Mary in the front yard. He grabbed the statue and rushed home. He hid the statue under his bed, sat down again with pen and paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you want to see your mother again, send me a new bike! Your friend, Johnny."

9. When I travel to another city I have to buy my own plane ticket. The President of the United States has Air Force One to take him wherever he wants to go, and he doesn't have to pay a penny. Therefore, I should be afforded the same opportunity.
10. Everybody believes that premarital sex is wrong. Thus, premarital sex is wrong.
11. A lawyer, defending a man accused of burglary, tried this creative defense: "Your honor, my client merely inserted his arm into the window and removed a few trifling articles. His arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by his right arm." "Well put," the judge replied, "and using your logic, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses."
12. How dare you criticize my logic? You commit fallacies every time you write a paper or turn in an exam.
13. A married couple was celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The wife asked her husband, "Darling, have you ever cheated on me?" "What a strange question to ask after all these years," he replied, "but if you must know, yes, I have cheated on you." The wife was saddened by this admission but wanted to know when. He replied, "Remember back when we were first married and you wanted to start a business but no bank would give you a loan? And remember how the bank president came to our house in person and signed the papers? Well ..." The wife was touched, "You mean, you slept with the president of the bank so that I could start up my business? That's the kindest thing anyone's ever done for me. Was this the only time?" "Well, if you must know, there was another time. Remember when you were 48 and you had a heart attack, and no surgeon would operate on you? And then Dr. Forrest came all the way up here to carry out that surgery himself, and performed the surgery gratis? Well ..." The wife was genuinely moved. "So you slept with Dr. Forrest to save my life. What a wonderful woman you are! I assume these were the only times." She replied, "Well, if you really want to know, remember how a couple of years ago when you really wanted to be president of the racquet club, but you were 52 votes short?"
14. Everyone who responded to the survey said the exercise program helped them lose weight. Therefore, everyone who used the program lost weight.
15. One of my students dismissed a conclusion by observing that environmentalists are "long-haired potheads who live in carbon-emitting Volkswagon campers."
16. Oh, officer, you see my baby here was crying for some candy and I took her to the candy store before I came back to my car. You shouldn't give me a parking ticket.
17. If the government doesn't stop terrorism now, it will eventually spread all over the world. If it spreads all over the world, there will be a nuclear conflagration. We can't have that. Therefore, the government must halt terrorism now.

18. I decided not to join BEST after I discovered that the founder of the organization is a former used-car salesman. That told me everything I needed to know about BEST. Don't become a member.
19. As long as I'm paying your college tuition, you won't be allowed to major in philosophy. You should major in business or suffer the consequences. Since you know what's good for you, I'm sure you'll follow my advice.
20. In physics class we learned that elementary particles have little or no mass. My \$150 physics text book is made up of elementary physical particles, thus it has little or no mass.
21. We have a tradition of satisfied customers. No one has ever complained about our service. If you're in the market, stop by our showroom. You won't regret making your next purchase here.
22. I think that we should reject what Father Jones has to say about the ethical issues of abortion because he is a Catholic priest. After all, Father Jones is required to hold such views.