

Summary: Validity Counterexamples

- A **validity counterexample** for an argument is a **possible situation where** the argument has **true premises** but a **false conclusion**.

(Note: an **argument** has premises and a conclusion. But a **possible situation** isn't a string of sentences; so a possible situation doesn't have premises or a conclusion.)

- Finding a validity counterexample for an argument shows that the **argument is invalid** — that is, that the **conclusion does not follow** from the premise(s).

(As single situations go, no other kind of possible situation tells us *anything* about whether an argument is valid or invalid.)