

1.3.1. Standard Form Argument Problems

Put each of the following arguments into **standard form**.

1. I don't care what you say – I really think Josie is in love with Juan. Why? Because she always wants to talk about him. And she gets very excited when he is due for a visit. She even blushes when you ask her about him.

– Trudy Govier, **A Practical Study of Argument** (Third Edition), p. 10

2. Who broke into the seafood lounge? Well, if it wasn't Jake, it had to be Deacon or Lemniscate. And as a matter of fact Jake was seen at the Bel-Aire playing pool with Jezebel at the time of the break-in. So either Deacon or Lemniscate must have committed the crime.

3. It's clearly a good idea to keep our military forces prepared for action at all times. After all, who's to say when a new crisis will break out somewhere in the world?

4. "...what grounds could I possibly have for supposing that a person who has no acquaintance with books will never be a wise man? For wisdom does not lie in books."

– Seneca, **Moral Letters** (Letter LXXXVIII), p. 158

5. Our pre-peeled hard boiled eggs are perfect for today's busy lifestyle. After all, who has time these days to boil eggs in their own kitchen? And with so much going on in your life, do you really want to sit and peel hard boiled eggs by hand?

6. Think Neko's sticking to her latest diet? Fat chance! There are as many empty tuna containers in the recycling bin as ever. And do you really think it's Jack or Rex getting those shipments from Cream Cheese of the Month Club?