

## **Putting Arguments into Standard Form**

- List each premise and the conclusion on separate lines.
- Put the conclusion last (when necessary inserting bracketed information in premises to explain ambiguous pronouns like “he,” “she,” “they,” or “it”)
- Delete all non-essential material, including introductory comments, as well as premise, conclusion, and assertion markers.
- Separate premises from the conclusion with a horizontal line
- Number each premise and the conclusion.
- Insert a conclusion sign (“∴”) before the conclusion.

## Premise and Conclusion Markers

### Premise Markers

Since	May be deduced from
For	As shown by
Because	As indicated by
After all	On the grounds that
Follows from	For the reason that
May be inferred from	From the fact that

### Follow-Up Phrases (for an Additional Premise)

Moreover	Besides
Furthermore	Likewise
What's more	Also
In addition	And
In fact	But

### Conclusion Markers

So	That means (that)
Therefore	Shows (that)
Thus	Proves (that)
Hence	Indicates (that)
Consequently	Demonstrates (that)
In conclusion	For these reasons, we see (that)
We conclude (that)	
It follows (that)	<i>Modal Phrases:</i> must, have to; must not; cannot