

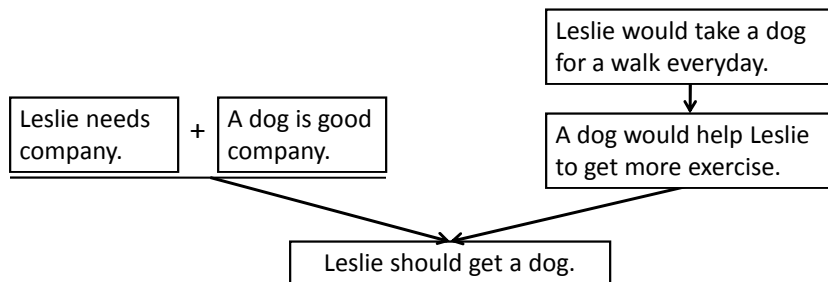
Argument Structure VI) Lesson 4: Theme Changers (with Independent Reasons)

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to

- ✓ Explain what independent reasons are
- ✓ Use theme changer expressions to communicate and analyze arguments with independent reasons

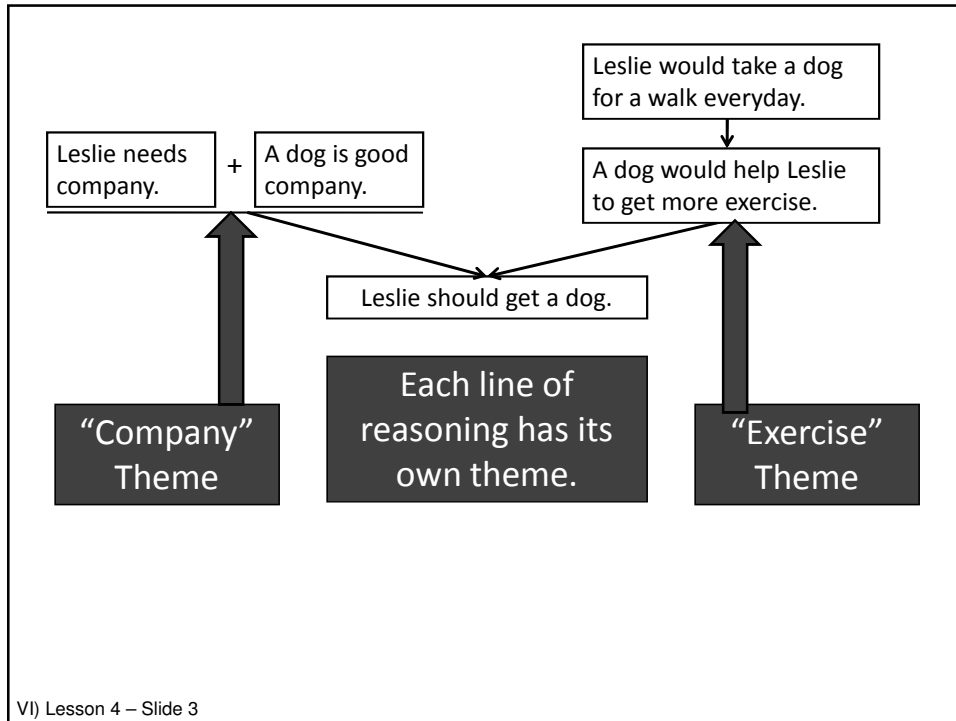
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Two or more ideas or groups of ideas are **independent reasons** in support of a conclusion if each idea or group of ideas is capable of supporting the conclusion on its own. They give us independent lines of reasoning.

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Theme Changer Expressions

“Besides,” “Furthermore,” “In addition to this,” “As if that weren’t enough,”
 “For one thing... For another thing...,” “First... Second... Third...,” “Finally”

“Leslie should get a dog. After all, Leslie needs company and a dog is good company. Besides, Leslie would take a dog for a walk every day so a dog would help Leslie to get more exercise.”

“Leslie needs company and a dog is good company. It follows that Leslie should get a dog. In addition to this, a dog would help Leslie to get more exercise since Leslie would take a dog for a walk every day.”

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“Leslie wouldn’t have to move in order to get a cat because her apartment complex permits them. That’s one good reason why Leslie should get a cat. In addition to this, Leslie just doesn’t have time to walk an animal every day and cats don’t require daily walks.”

