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## Challenge The Claim

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully and identify the author's **main claim**. Brainstorm possible **counterarguments** or reasons someone might give to disagree with the author. Write at least **two counterarguments** in your own words. Share how these counterarguments might weaken the author's position.

All schools should eliminate physical education (PE) classes and replace them with extra academic study time. Academic subjects like math, science, and reading are far more important for success in life than playing games or running around. Since schools exist to prepare students for the future, spending time on PE is simply a waste of valuable hours that could be devoted to learning real skills.

1. What is the author's main claim?

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2. Write two or more counterarguments that challenge the author's position.

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3. Explain how your counterarguments show weaknesses in the author's reasoning.

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4. Bonus: Write one sentence that combines your counterargument with supporting evidence (e.g., from health, science, or personal experience).

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