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BOWFIN BLOCK PARTY

A goodly representation of the neighborhood attending this year's block party at noon on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Foodstuffs included a variety of pizzas and salads, samosas, lemon bars, brownies, chicken wings, chips, and watermelon water (not an exhaustive list). Several children enjoyed themselves with crayon drawings, talking about chess, and visiting the Lermans' pet cockatiels, Cocktail and Katy. Neighbors met neighbors, some for the first time!

We hope all had a good time!

(More photos pp 3-4 and posted on our website)





Aaron's Answers



A chart often found in Debate classrooms. This chart lists the most common logical fallacies made in debates.

(for a larger picture of this list of fallacies, refer to this website:

https://courses.lumenlearning.com/publicspeakingpr inciples/chapter/logicalfallaciesinfographic-pdf/)

Question: I know there are several categories of logical fallacies (lines of argument that can lead one to reach untrue conclusions), but I'm not sure what these two are. Can you explain one or both, and give an example?

- 1. false (or flawed) analogies
- 2. ad hominem

-Jerry

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): Alright! Both of these fallacies are little-known, but simple to explain.

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Solution to Last Month's Quiz

I - DROPS

Solution provided by neighbor, Gary Colman (within minutes of the puzzle's being posted online!)

Here is my solution for the puzzle -- I *SEE* what you did there :-)

B. A cocktail G. Not permitted
G. Not permitted
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J. To make as small as possible
F. A nonmilitary person
I. To hold back
D. An emblem of authority or ho
E. First
C. Dull and uninteresting
H. A type of bathing suit
A. A citizen army
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This Month's Quiz

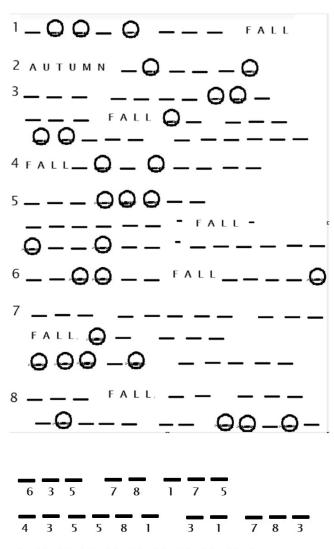
SEASONS GREETINGS

While the title here is usually used for the advent of a DIFFERENT season, I hope you're not going to FALL prey to limiting its use that way. Collected here are 8 literary, song, or building titles that include the word 'FALL' or 'AUTUMN', along with a description to help you figure out what the blank words are.

Transfer the correct indicated letters to the blanks in the quotation at the bottom, to see what Shakespeare had to say, which might just prove true for you if you take too long to solve this!

7 WORD QUOTATION FROM RICHARD III >>>>

- 1 Play by Arthur Miller
- 2 Song by Joseph Kosma
- 3 Book by Edward Gibbon (preceded by "The History of")
- 4 Building by Frank Lloyd Wright
- 5 Character in the 1950's Howdy Doody Show
- 6 Book by Chinua Achebe
- 7 Book by William L Shirer
- 8 Book by Edgar Allan Poe



2 3 6

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Aaron's Answers continued

The first is false or flawed analogies. This refers to when you say two things are alike in one way, therefore they are the same in all ways. For example: "Jerry and Aaron are both humans, therefore they are the same." While the fact that we are both humans is true, and we are the same species, we are not one and the same. A correct analogy like that would be useless, as it would just say "Jerry and Jerry (both the same Jerrys, not different ones) are both humans, they are the same."

The second fallacy is ad hominem. This is used much more commonly by people who don't really have a valid argument, or don't have the reasoning and evidence to support their claim. Ad hominem is when you attack the other person's character as proof that they are wrong. In my AP English Language class, we recently watched a video in which somebody used that fallacy. She attacked her opponent's skill as a mother as proof that her opponent's views on education were wrong. While you could probably make a somewhat decent argument for that, she did not. Another example would be between two debaters, A and B. A argues that tables should always be squares because they fit together more. B argues that squares have sharp corners, and tables should be circles for safety. Ad hominem would be A arguing that squares are better, and then B stating that "you (A) are a terrible person, you come up here and want children to get hurt in schools because of corners" instead of making a more logical argument.

While these are just two logical fallacies, there are many more as shown in the chart at the beginning of the article! Read up on them when you can, and don't make those mistakes!

TARGET DATE FOR Next Month's Contributions

October 23, 2023

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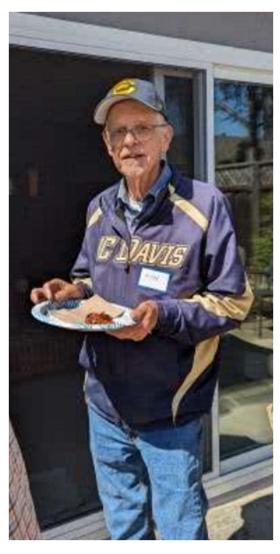
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