

REASONATE

REASONING MOVES

Supporting & Objecting to Claims

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Reasonate is built to help players develop and understand the reasoning that bears upon an issue.

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In Reasonate

- **Claims** are written on notes.
- **Connections** are shown by the **color** and **position** of the notes.

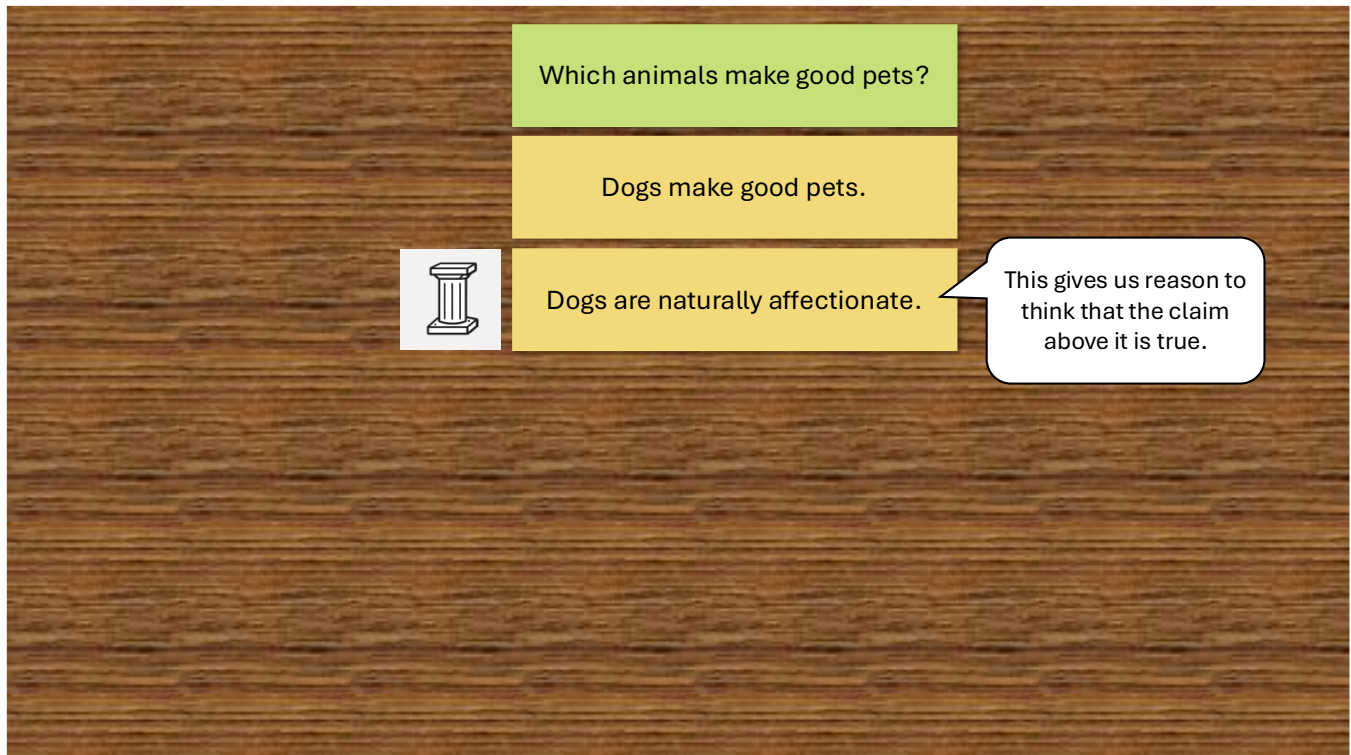
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SUPPORT		Same color note placed below a note. Gives reason to think the claim above is true .
OBJECTION		Different color note placed below a note. Gives reason to think the claim above is false .

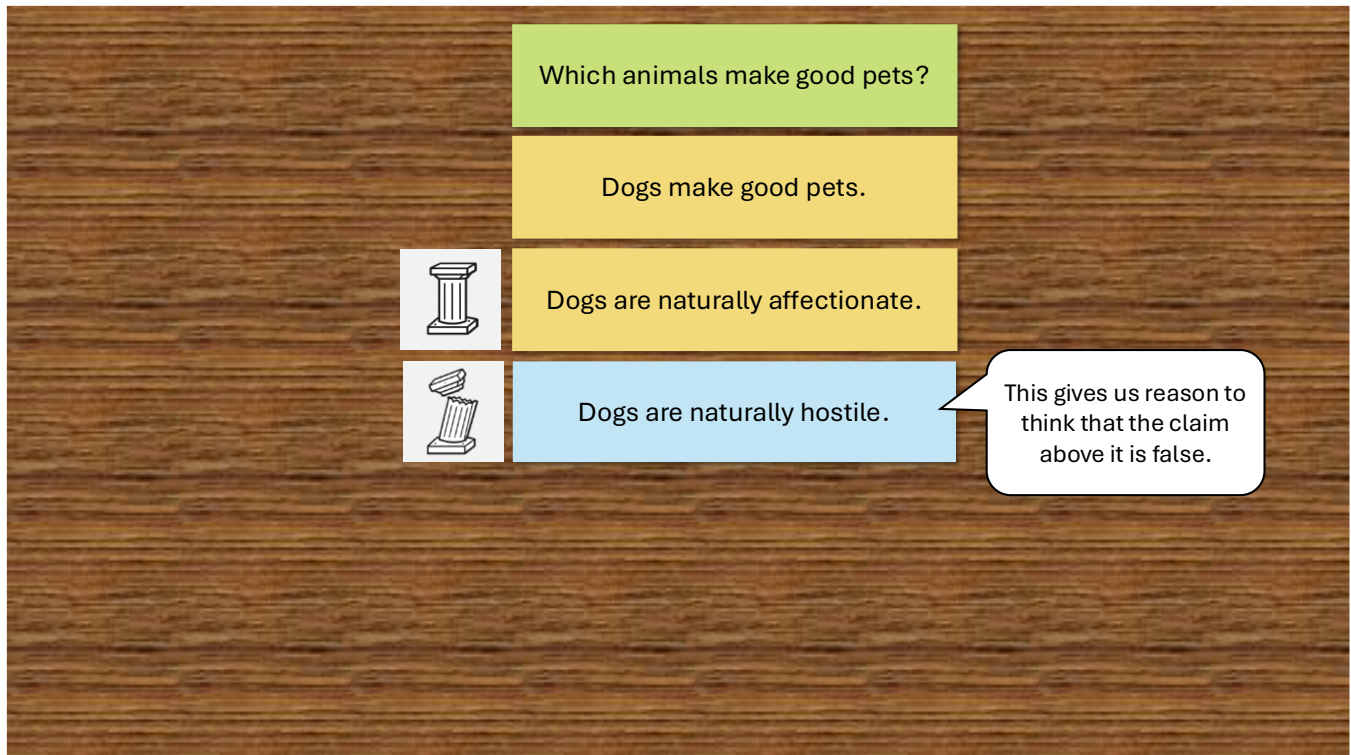
A **same color** note placed **below** a note gives us reason to think that the claim above it is **true**.

A **different color** note placed **below** a note gives us reason to think that the claim above it is **false**.



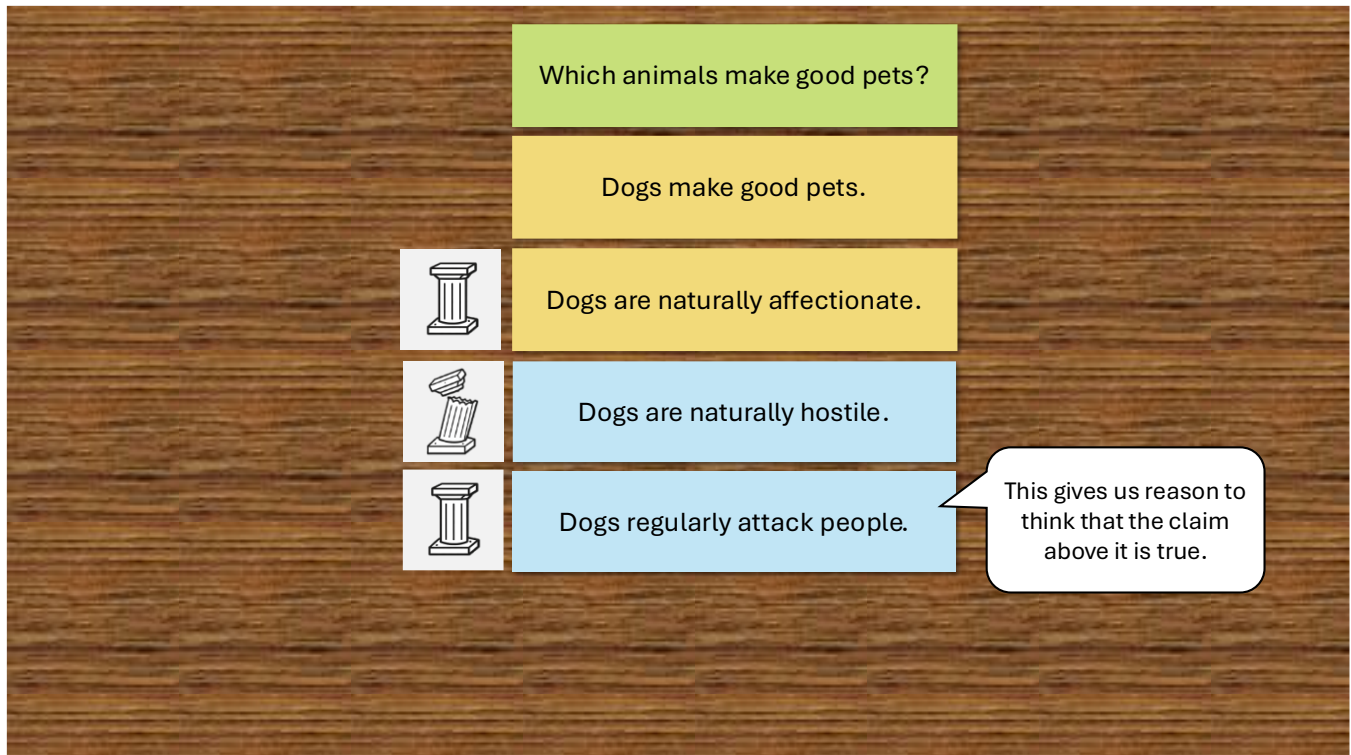
For example, “Dogs are naturally affectionate,” is a yellow note. It’s placed beneath a yellow note that says, “Dogs make good pets.”

Because the top note and the bottom note are the same color, the note on the bottom, “Dogs are naturally affectionate,” is being given as a reason to think that the claim on the note above it, “Dogs make good pets,” is true.



A blue note placed beneath a yellow note would give us reason to think that the claim above it is false, because the notes are different colors.

In this case, the blue note might say, “Dogs are naturally hostile.” That would certainly give us reason to think that the claim above it, “Dogs are naturally affectionate,” is false.



Now, what if we put a blue note beneath a blue note. What would that note be doing?

Well, because it's the same color as the note above it, that note would be giving us reason to think that the claim above it is *true*.

In this example, to support the claim that dogs are naturally hostile, we might assert that dogs regularly attack people.

Which animals make good pets?

Dogs make good pets.

Dogs are naturally affectionate.

Dogs are naturally hostile.

Dogs regularly attack people.

Dog attacks are rare.

This gives us reason to think that the claim above it is false.

If a player puts a yellow note beneath that blue note, what would that player be doing?

Because the note is a different color, that player would be giving a reason to think that the claim on the note above it is *false*.

Maybe that player will claim that dog attacks are rare, which would show that “Dogs regularly attack people,” is incorrect.