

Metaphor

An argument is like a **fight** or **war**, with people attacking each other's opinions and defending their own.

*She tried to **defend** herself against his **attacks** on her ideas. ♦ She **shot down** his argument. ♦ That is an **indefensible** point of view. ♦ I decided to pursue another **line of attack**. ♦ We had a big **fight** last night, and I went home early. ♦ There was a lot of **conflict** over what to do next. ♦ They **clashed** over who to appoint. ♦ It was a real **battle of wits**. ♦ We **did battle** with the council about the plans. ♦ I've **crossed swords** with them before. ♦ Tom is always the first to leap to her **defence**.*

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