**Academic Vocabulary: Argument**  Resource 1.2

Academic terms appear in all subjects and can help you read, write, and discuss with more precision. Here are five academic words that will be useful to you in this unit as you write arguments.

Complete the chart.

1. Review each word, its root, and the mentor sentences.

2. Use the information and your own knowledge to predict the meaning of each word.

3. For each word, list at least two related words.

4. Refer to the dictionary or other resources if needed.

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| **WORD** | **MENTOR SENTENCES** | **PREDICT MEANING** | **RELATED WORDS** |
| opponent  ROOT:  -**pon**-  “to place, put” | 1. He managed to win the game against a strong opponent.  2. I respect her even though she is my opponent. |  | *postpone, component* |
| proposition  ROOT:  **-posit-**  “to put” | 1. It is my proposition that all people have rights.  2. The proposition that the river leads to the ocean was proven long ago |  |  |
| clamor  ROOT:  **-clam-, -claim-**  “to shout” | 1. The clamor grew louder as the crowd approached.  2. Even at night the jungle animals created a clamor. |  |  |
| legitimate  ROOT:  **-leg-**  “law” | 1. It’s a legitimate argument but they pretended not to hear it.  2. The oldest son was the legitimate heir to the fortune. |  |  |
| controversial  ROOT:  **-vers-**  “to turn” | 1. The idea that plants like music is controversial.  2. Making the youngest girl the leader was a controversial act |  |  |