

Worksheet Exercise 2.2.B.

Name _____

Symbolizing Arguments

Class _____ Date _____

Part B. Analyze each of the following arguments in two stages. (1) First, use the suggested capital letters to abbreviate the simple sentences of the argument. This results in a partial symbolization consisting of capital letters connected by English operator expressions. (2) Next, finish symbolizing the arguments by replacing the English operator expressions by the symbolic connectives. Write the two results side by side for comparison. (3) Optional: In your opinion, is the argument valid or invalid?

	English argument	partial	complete
1.	If George or Liz went to the party, then Tom and Susan were upset. Liz, as it turned out, didn't go, but Tom and Susan were still upset. Therefore, George did indeed go to the party. (G, L, T, S) Argument is: _____	_____	_____
2.	If Al isn't singing then Bo isn't dancing. Either Bo or Clyde is dancing. So, if Clyde is not dancing then Al is singing. (A, B, C) Argument is: _____	_____	_____
3.	The orchestra won't play both Stravinski and Mozart tonight. They will, as we know, play Mozart tonight. We must conclude, therefore, that they will not play Stravinski tonight. (M, S) Argument is: _____	_____	_____
4.	It is not true that both you can't go on the kiddie rides and also you can't go on the adult rides. You, naturally, can't go on the kiddie rides. Therefore, you can go on the adult rides. (K, A) Argument is: _____	_____	_____
5.	His driving license won't have been revoked if he hasn't violated the law. But he must have violated the law, because his license has been revoked. (R, V) Argument is: _____ [Note: "because"]	_____	_____
6.	If this school is to survive, it must increase its tuition (in order to offset expenses). But, if this school is to survive, it can't increase its tuition (so as to remain competitive). So, this school is definitely not going to survive. (S, I) Argument is: _____	_____	_____
7.	If this creature doesn't have teeth, then it does not bite. Ouch! Well, it is not the case that it doesn't bite. So, it is not the case that it doesn't have teeth. (T, B) Argument is: _____	_____	_____

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8. They won the battle, and it is false that they did not win the war. So, they did win the war, and it is not true that they didn't win the battle. (B, W)
 Argument is: _____
9. If some number N is the largest possible number, then both N is the largest possible number (by hypothesis) and N is not the largest possible number (since you can add 1 to it). So, it's false that some number N is the largest possible number. (L) Argument is: _____
10. Paris, London, or Rome will host the Wine Convention this year. If Paris does, then French wines will win. If London does, then British wines will win. If Rome does, then Italian wines will win. British wines will not win this year. So, either French wines or Italian wines will win this year. (P, L, R, F, B, I) Argument is: _____