



# Strawman

A logical fallacy is an illogical or misleading argument. One type of logical fallacy, called a strawman, means to attack a position that the opponent doesn't really hold. A strawman distorts an opponent's argument to the extreme and then argues against the extreme and distorted version.

**Example:**

*Speaker 1:*

Schools should focus more on STEM subjects.

*Speaker 2:*

So you think it's not important for students to learn to read and write.

**DIRECTION:** Write a response to the statement that contains a strawman fallacy. Explain why your response is a strawman fallacy.

Every child should have specific responsibilities around the house.

Strawman argument: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is it a strawman? \_\_\_\_\_

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