

1. What is a flawed argument? How could an argument be flawed?

2. Look at this example of flawed reasoning.

All the students arrived late to class. There were severe delays and disruptions affecting the morning trains.

What is the student's lateness linked to?
What is the underlying assumption?

3. Look at this second example of flawed reasoning related to trends,

Ice-cream sales rise between May and August each year. Similarly, sales of sandals increase during the same period.

Are the trends moving in the same direction?

If trends are moving in the same direction, what can we call them?

Can we say that one trend caused the other? Or is there a third factor involved?

4. Create a similar example to question three, related to trends in your country.