

## Phil. 103: Introduction to Logic

### Class Exercise: Diagramming Arguments

*Directions:* For each of the following paired statements, (1) state the fact at issue as a question phrased in neutral language, (2) state whether or not there is a disagreement in belief or attitude or both, and (3) tell in general the preferred method for resolving the dispute.

1. *a.* Richard Murphy, CEO of the Tri-Magma Corporation, animatively discussed the future of the company with an alacrity seldom seen in today's economic climate.  
*b.* CEO Murphy chattered on and on with grossly unrealistic expectations about Tri-Magma's prospects in these difficult times.
2. *a.* Susan Donnelly, the film critic, can be relied upon as an independent reviewer who enthusiastically offers her opinions without reservation.  
*b.* I don't know why Susan Donnelly, the movie commentator, is so disagreeable—she always contradicts the media's other film critics.
3. *a.* John Webster claimed he would ace the GRE; in fact, the score he achieved was amazingly only five points below what he predicted.  
*b.* Yeah, well, Webster failed to meet his expectation. His prediction was too high; he should have studied more.
4. *a.* The Woodsglen neighborhood generously raised over a hundred dollars for the Lymphoma Society's Annual Drive  
*b.* The Woodsglen subdivision struggled to get a paltry hundred dollars for the Society's annual fund drive.
5. *a.* Little Eddie is so cute when he creatively invents new rules while playing games with his playmates.  
*b.* Little Eddie is a brat. His little friends are quite annoyed at his repeated cheating while he plays with them.
6. *a.* Senator Jenkins maintained a sullen countenance and refused to comment on the dubious goals of the proposed measure.  
*b.* Senator Jenkins exhibited an abiding interest in the proposed measure before the committee while extolling the best case scenarios projected for the program.