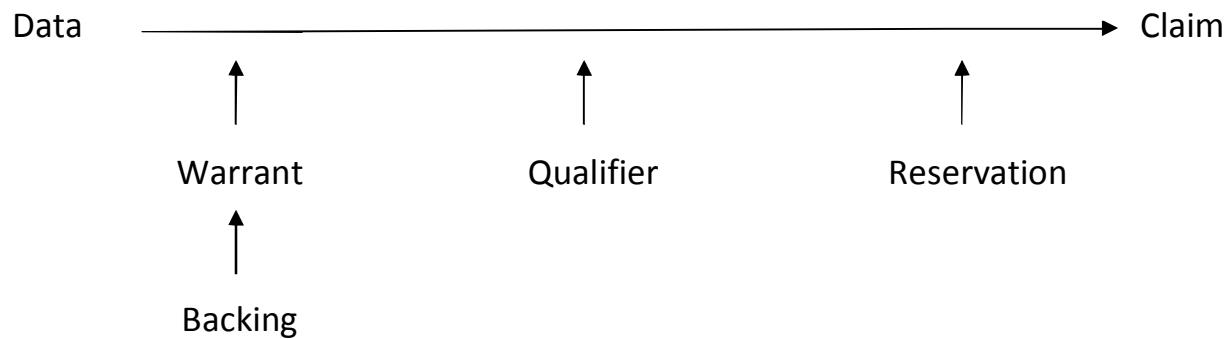


# The Toulmin Model

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*and in sentence form...*

Because (data as support), therefore, or so (qualifier?) (claim), since (warrant), because, or on account of (backing), unless (reservation).

## Definitions

**Claim:** the position or claim being argued for; “the conclusion you reach after testing the evidence that supports your beliefs” (Kathleen Bell in *Developing Arguments*).

**Data:** reasons or supporting reasons and evidence that bolster the claim. Also known as the grounds for the claim.

**Warrant:** expresses the assumption necessarily shared by the speaker and the audience. Also the principle, provision or chain of reasoning that connects the grounds/reason to the claim.

**Backing:** consists of further assurances or data without which the warrant lacks authority. Support, justification, reasons to back up the warrant.

**Reservation/Rebuttal:** explains the terms and conditions necessitated by the qualifier. Exceptions to the claim.

**Qualifier:** restricts the terms of the claim and limits its range, indicating the degree of strength delivered by the warrant.