

# Class Exercise

Your instructor will tell you which deductive argument form to decode the following statements into.

EX. Decode the following statements into a categorical syllogism.

## Example

One player to another in a Scrabble game: "You have to take those letters off—you can't use Maine as a word."

## Decoding

Proper names are prohibited in Scrabble. (Major Premise)

Maine is a proper name. (Minor Premise)

Therefore, Maine is prohibited as a Scrabble word. (Conclusion)

1. Usher to guest at wedding: "If you're with the bride, you need to sit on this side." MP
2. Teacher to student: "You got marked down a grade because you were one day late turning this paper in." MP
3. Former Red Sox Manager Don Zimmer was fined \$5,000 for running across the infield and lunging at Pedro Martinez. TS
4. After Martinez grabbed Zimmer by the head and tossed him to the ground at Fenway Park, he was fined \$50,000. TS
5. During a game of blackjack: "With 22 points, you're out of this round." MT
6. Teacher to young students: "You must use your 'inside' voices because we're back in the classroom." MP
7. Concession worker in theatre lobby: "Intermission is over, so you need to finish your coffee." TS
8. Steward to airplane passengers: "It is time to shut off cell phones and other electronic devices because we are taking off now." MP
9. Garden shop employee to customer: "If you have a shady yard, you don't want to buy these flowers." MT

## Reminder

Deductive arguments follow formal patterns of reasoning and are aimed at establishing the certainty of a conclusion. The conclusion's certainty is established when deductive arguments contain true premises (reasons) that are stated in the correct form.