# Argument Clinic by Monty Python

Abridged version adapted for children by Dazzle

**Man:** Ah. hello, I'd like to have an argument, please.
**Receptionist:** Certainly sir. Have you been here before?
**Man:** No, I haven't, this is my first time.
**Receptionist:** I see. Well, do you want to have just one argument, or were you thinking of taking a course?
**Man:** Well, what is the cost?
**Receptionist:** Well, It's one pound for a five minute argument, but only eight pounds for a course of ten.
**Man:** Well, I think it would be best if I perhaps started off with just the one and then see how it goes.
**Receptionist:** Fine. Well, I'll see who's free at the moment.
*(Pause as checks computer)*
**Receptionist:**  Ahh yes, Try Mr. Barnard and Mr Grim; room 12. First door on the left.
**Man:** Thank you.
Receptionist: Have a lovely day sir.
Man: Thank you.
*(Walks down the hall. Opens door.)*

**Mr. Barnard:** WHAT DO YOU WANT?
**Man:** Well, I was told outside that...
**Mr. Barnard:** Don't give me that, you snotty-faced heap of parrot droppings!
**Man:** What?
**Mr. Grim:**  Your type really makes us mad!
**Man:** What have I done wrong??
**Mr Grim:** You disgusting excuse for a human being!!
**Man:** Look, I CAME HERE FOR AN ARGUMENT, I'm not going to just stand...!!
**Mr. Barnard:** OH, oh I'm sorry, but this is ‘Insulting’.
**Man:** Oh, I see, well, that explains it.
**Mr. Grim:** Ah yes, you want room 12A, Just along the corridor.
**Man:** Oh, Thank you very much. Sorry.
**Mr. Barnard:** Not at all, we do apologise. What an awful mistake.
**Man:** No problem.

*(Walk down the corridor)*

**Man:** (Knock)
**Mr. Contradiction:** Come in.
**Man:** Ah, Is this the right room for an argument?
**Mr. Contradiction:** I told you once.
**Man:** When?
**Mr. Contradiction:** Just now.
**Man:** No you didn't.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Yes I did.
**Man:** You didn't
**Mr. Contradiction:** I'm telling you I did!
**Man:** You did not!!
**Mr. Contradiction:** Oh, I'm sorry, just one moment. Is this a five minute argument or the full half hour?
**Man:** Oh, just the five minutes.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Ah, thank you. Anyway, I did.
**Man:** Oh look, this isn't an argument.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Yes it is.
**Man:** No it isn't. It's just contradiction.
**Mr. Contradiction:** No it isn't.
**Man:** I came here for a good argument.
**Mr. Contradiction:** No you didn't; no, you came here for an argument.
**Man:** An argument isn't just contradiction.

**Mr. Contradiction:** *(Rings bell)* Good bye.
**Man:** What?
**Mr. Contradiction:** That's it. Good bye.
**Man:** I was just getting interested.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Sorry, the five minutes is up.
**Man:** That was never five minutes!
**Mr. Contradiction:** I'm afraid it was.
**Man:** It wasn't.
*(Pause)*

**Mr. Contradiction:** I'm sorry, but I'm not allowed to argue anymore.
**Man:** What?!
**Mr. Contradiction:** If you want me to go on arguing, you'll have to pay for another five minutes.
**Man:** Yes, but that was never five minutes, just now. Oh come on!
**Mr. Contradiction:** *(Hums)*
**Man:** Look, this is ridiculous.
**Mr. Contradiction:** I'm sorry, but I'm not allowed to argue unless you've paid!
**Man:** Oh, all right.

*(pays money)*

**Mr. Contradiction:** Thank you. *(short pause)*
**Man:** Well?
**Mr. Contradiction:** Well what?
**Man:** That wasn't really five minutes, just now.
**Mr. Contradiction:** I told you, I'm not allowed to argue unless you've paid.
**Man:** I just paid!
**Mr. Contradiction:** No you didn't.
**Man:** I DID!
**Mr. Contradiction:** No you didn't.
**Man:** Look, I don't want to argue about that.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Well, you didn't pay.
**Man:** Aha. If I didn't pay, why are you arguing? I Got you!
**Mr. Contradiction:** No you haven't.
**Man:** Yes I have. If you're arguing, I must have paid.
**Mr. Contradiction:** Not necessarily. I could be arguing in my spare time.
**Man:** Oh I've had enough of this.

*(Walks down the stairs. Opens door.)*

**Man:** I want to complain.
**Complainer:** You want to complain! Look at these shoes. I've only had them three weeks and the heels are worn right through.
**Man:** No, I want to complain about...
**Complainer:** If you complain nothing happens, you might as well not bother.
**Man:** Oh!
**Complainer:** Oh my back hurts, it's not a very fine day and I'm sick and tired of this office. They turn up the heating in the summer... turn it off in the winter.
**Man:**Aaaah!