At the end of this lesson, you will be able to
✓ State the definition of “subconclusion”
✓ Use conclusion and reason indicator expressions to communicate and analyze arguments with subconclusions

A subconclusion is an intermediate idea on the way from the premises to the ultimate conclusion. The argument gives us reason to believe it, and uses it as a reason to believe something else.
Dogs are intelligent.

Dogs are intelligent. Thus, they make good pets.

Dogs can learn tricks.

Dogs make good pets. This is because they can learn tricks, which shows that they’re intelligent.

Cats are easy to care for because they’re independent. Consequently, they make good pets.

Cats are independent.

Cats are easy to care for.

Cats make good pets.