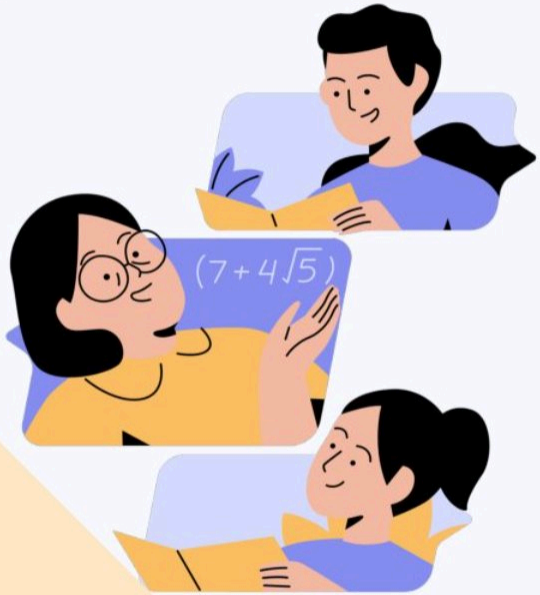


Can You Trust the Argument?

Delineate claims and judge the evidence

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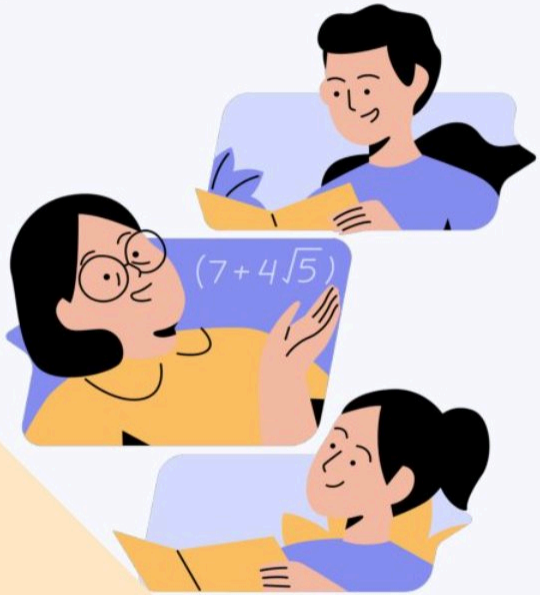
- Delineate the argument and specific claims in a text
- Evaluate reasoning for logic and evidence for relevance
- Judge if evidence is sufficient and spot irrelevant parts

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can map claims, reasoning, and evidence
- ✓ I can explain if reasoning is sound
- ✓ I can flag evidence that is off-topic

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Key words



claim

a statement the author tries to prove true

reasoning

logical link showing why evidence supports claim

evidence

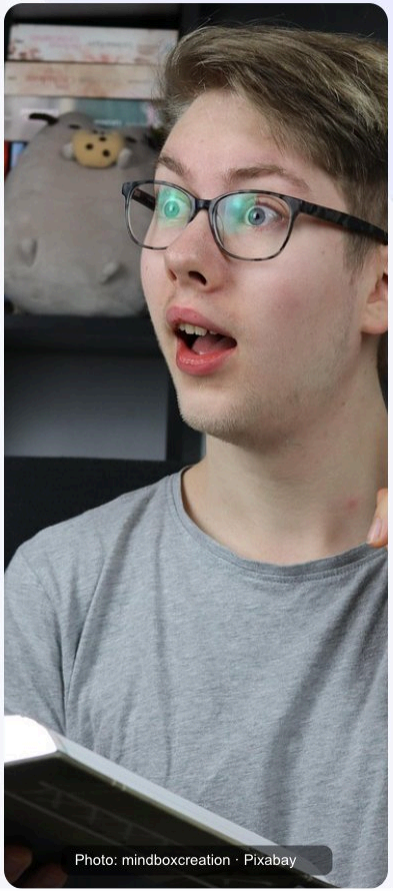
facts, examples, or quotes used as proof

relevant

directly connected to the claim

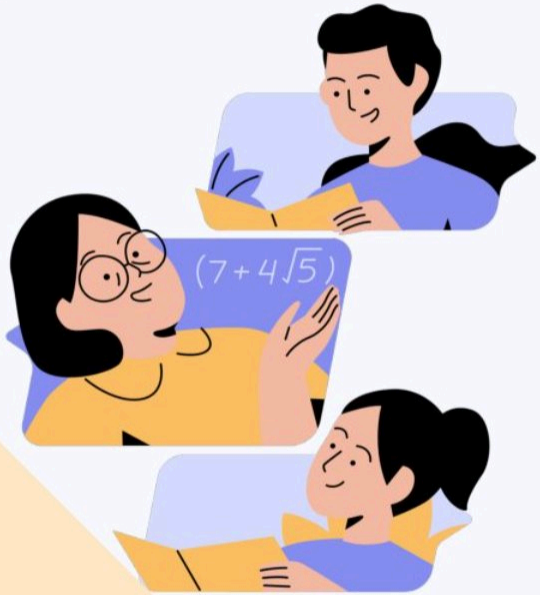
sufficient

enough proof to make claim believable


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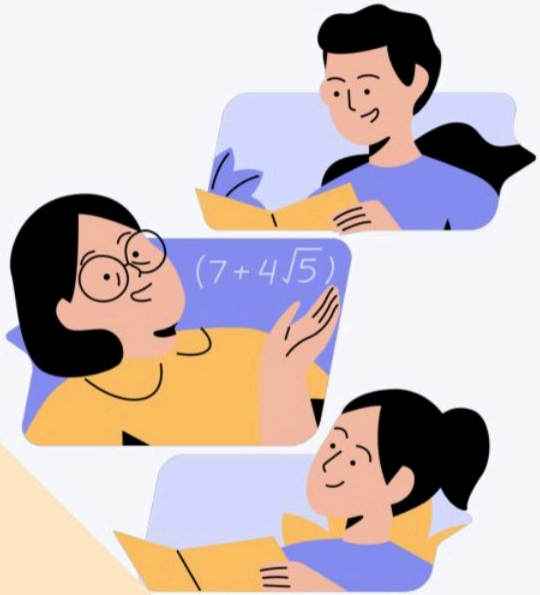
Delineate Like a Detective



1. Find the author's main argument
2. List each specific claim
3. Match evidence to each claim
4. Check reasoning links them
5. Judge relevant, sufficient, sound

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What could this be?

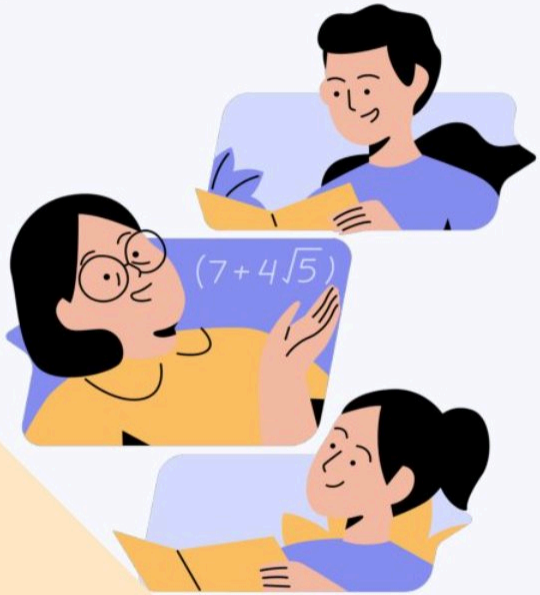


Author claims later start raises grades, then discusses cafeteria paint colors. What's wrong?



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Watch: Claims and Evidence

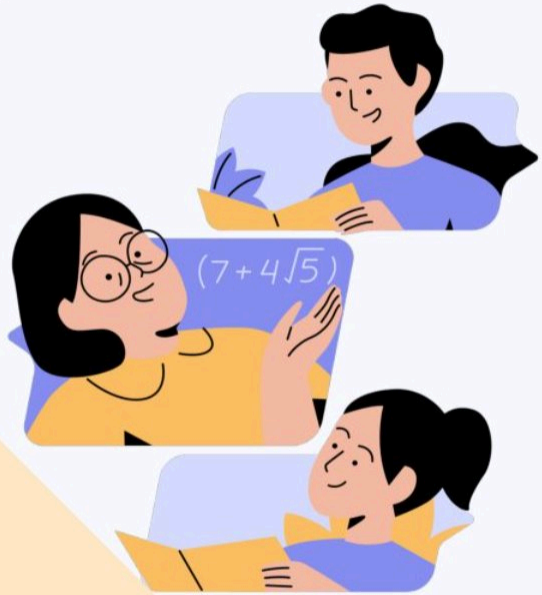


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- Listen for the difference between claim and evidence
- Notice how reasoning connects them

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Relevant vs. Irrelevant Evidence



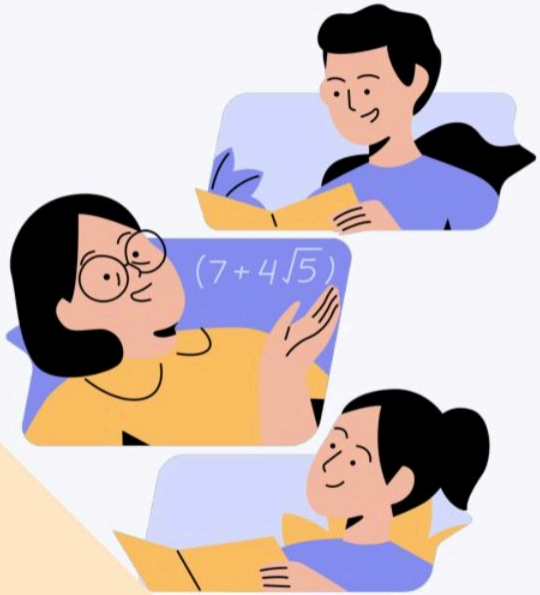
Relevant

- Directly proves the claim
- Matches the author's reasoning
- Stays on the same topic

Irrelevant

- True but off-topic
- Does not prove the claim
- Distracts from the reasoning

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Watch: Is the Reasoning Sound?

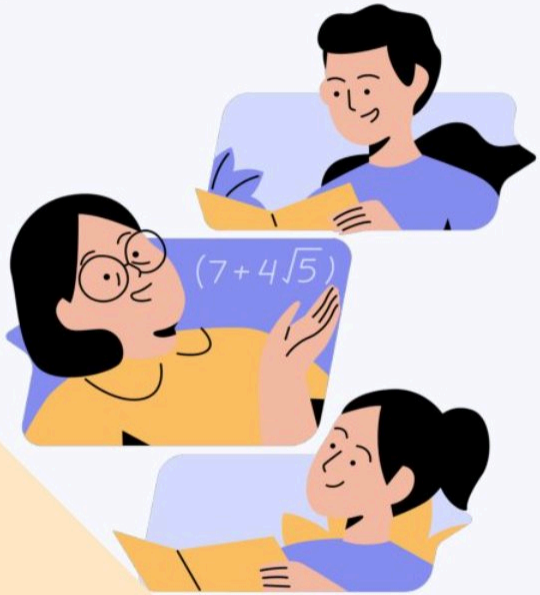


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- Check if evidence is relevant and enough
- Spot details that do not belong

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Your task



Delineate this argument with your partner. 'Our school should require uniforms because focus improves; students say mornings feel calmer, and our school colors are blue and gold.'

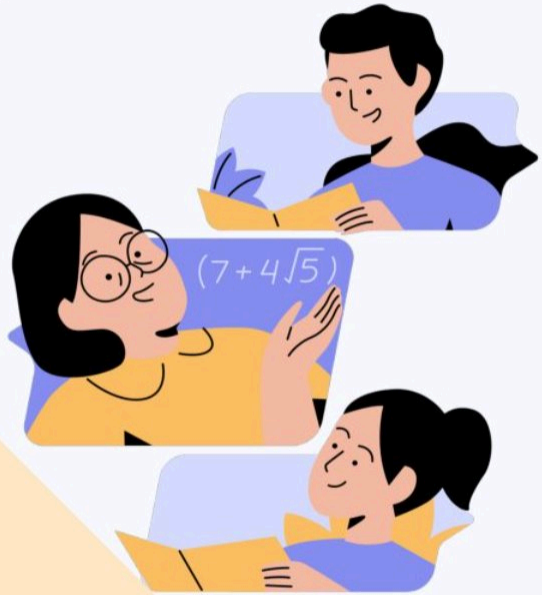
1. Label claim, reasoning, and two pieces of evidence
2. Mark each piece of evidence relevant or irrelevant
3. Decide: sound and sufficient? Tell why

10 min

In pairs

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How Arguments Rise or Fall



Author states a clear claim

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Reasoning explains why it should be true

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Relevant, enough evidence builds trust

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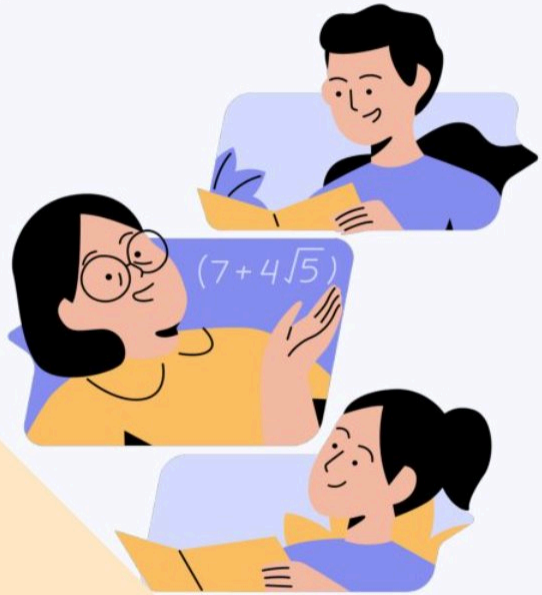
Irrelevant evidence breaks the link

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Readers stop believing the argument

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What matters most?



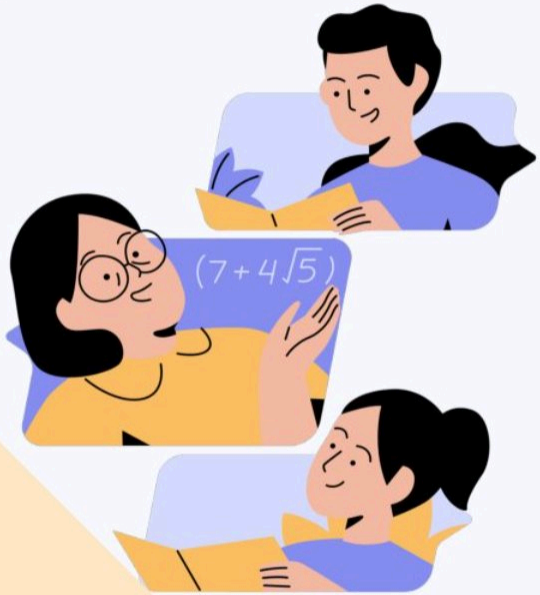
What makes you trust an argument most?

- **A** One strong, relevant fact
- **B** Several matching examples
- **C** Clear, logical reasoning
- **D** Zero off-topic details

Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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True or false?



Delineate means to outline claims and evidence.

Evidence can be true but still irrelevant.

If evidence is relevant, it is always enough.

Sound reasoning logically links evidence to claim.

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