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Claims, Reasons and Evidence: Learn and Practice

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💡 Claims, Reasons and Evidence

- A claim is the main point a writer argues.
- Reasons explain why the claim makes sense, and evidence such as facts, data or examples supports each reason.
- Strong arguments use relevant, reliable evidence.
- Claim: Schools should plant gardens. Reason: gardens teach science.

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C. the title of the text D. a guess about the future

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D. a question for readers

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B. The pool is the best place ever.

C. Everyone should love swimming.

D. Swimming is boring.

4 Claim: Schools should start later. Which reason best supports it?

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C. Buses are yellow

D. Teens learn better when well rested

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A. Describe the setting B. Introduce characters

C. Repeat the title

D. Explain why the claim is true

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B. Many parks sell ice cream

C. Trees give birds shelter

D. Trees cool the air on hot days

7 Claim: Students should recycle at school. Which is the strongest evidence?

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B. Our class recycled 40 kilograms in May

C. I like recycling a lot D. Recycling bins are blue

8 Which sentence is a claim?

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B. Bike lanes are painted lines.

C. Our town should build a bike lane.

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ANSWER KEY

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A claim is the position the writer wants readers to accept.

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It can be checked and proven true, so it is a fact.

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This reason connects directly to why a later start helps students.

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Reasons answer the question why should I believe this claim?

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Ice cream sales have nothing to do with planting trees.

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A measured result shows recycling makes a real difference.

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Should build shows a position someone could argue for or against.