

Claims and Evidence

Examining Claims

People make many different kinds of statements they consider to be **claims**. Read some below and check the box you think is most appropriate. Then answer the question to the right. The first one has been done for you.

| | <i>I think that this is a plausible claim. I believe it could be backed up with evidence.</i> | <i>I think that this is a false claim. Evidence could be used to show it is wrong.</i> | <i>This is not really a scientific claim. It's more like an opinion.</i> | |
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| EXAMPLE → Labradors are the most popular dog to have as a pet. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Why did you select the box you did? Even though I personally do not like this breed, I did look on two websites and it showed labs as #1 in the U.S. |
| → All dogs are brown. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| → Some dogs can jump as high as three feet in the air. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| → Dogs are the best pets. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| → Skateboards can go as fast as 10 miles per hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| → Skateboarding is more dangerous than biking. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| → Skateboards are better than bicycles. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |