



ELA Virtual Learning

6th Grade ELA

Identifying/Making Claims

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Objectives/Learning Targets:

Students will:

- describe the speaker's argument and claims.
- write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Warm-up

1. Click the picture or [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to a song about *Growth Mindset*.
2. What do the singers in the video claim? List *at least 2* things you heard in the song that support your response.





Warm-up Answers

Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:

- Did you write in complete sentences?
- Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
- Did you answer the question?

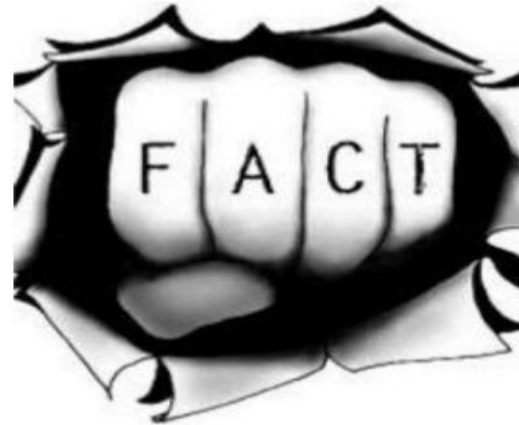
Sample Proficient Answer: *(Answers may vary)*

In the video, the song claims that growth mindset will help you meet your goals. The song says not to give up and to keep on trying; don't stop and you'll come out on top. For example, Elmo struggles with adding, but he continues to work at it and eventually gets the correct answer. When you have a hard time achieving something, you have to keep in mind that you will get it soon enough if you don't give up; that is "The Power of Yet!"

An argument is when a writer or speaker presents a ***main claim*** (opinion or position) about a topic or issue, and then supports that claim with ***reasons*** and ***evidence***.

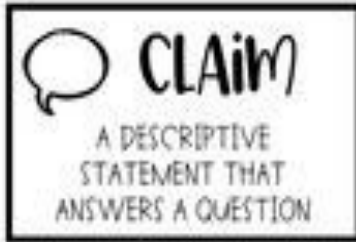
Support Your Claim

- An opinion is NOT enough
- Writers and speakers support their claims with reasons and evidence



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Claim

- A claim is a statement that answers the question. It will usually only be one sentence in length. The claim does not include any explanation, reasoning, or evidence so it should not include any transition words such as “because.”

Evidence

- The evidence is the data used to support the claim. It can include a quote from the text. Students should only use data within their evidence that directly supports the claim.

Reasoning

- The reasoning is the explanation of “why and how” the evidence supports the claim. It should include an explanation of the underlying concept that produced the evidence or data.

Practice

Listen to Episode 8 and answer the question:

➤ Ep8: Six Minutes of Not Telling Mom and Dad

On a piece of paper, answer the following:

1. What do you think Badger will confirm if Cyrus and Holiday confront him?



Restate
Restate the question by turning it into a statement.

Answer
Answer all parts of the question.

Cite
Give examples and evidence from the text.
"the text states..." "in paragraph 4..."

Explain
Explain how your evidence supports your answer.
"this shows that..." "this means..."



Practice Answer Key

Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:

- Did you write in complete sentences?
- Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
- Did you answer the questions completely?

Sample Proficient Answer:

(Answers may vary)

If Holiday and Cyrus confront Badger, I think he will confirm that Holiday isn't really their sister. When Badger is talking with Birdie, he asks her if she thinks that Holiday is different than the rest of them. I think this confirms that Badger knows more about Holiday than he is letting on.