

### Identify the conclusions

1. They say “absence makes the heart grow fonder,” so my teacher should love me, since I haven't been there for two weeks.
2. I think, therefore I am.
3. It is true that  $1 + 4 = 5$ , and it is also true that  $2 + 3 = 5$ . Thus we can conclude with certainty that  $(1 + 4) = (2 + 3)$
4. The digital camera on sale today at Camera Galore has 5.0 megapixels and cost \$200. The digital camera on sale at Camera Warehouse has 4.0 megapixels and cost \$150. You said you don't want to spend more than \$175 for your camera, so you should buy the one in Camera Warehouse.
5. I am going to stop eating fast-food. Fast-food products contain high levels of cholesterol. They also contain high levels of sodium, fat, and trans fatty acids. These things are bad for your health.

### Determine whether this is an argument or not

1. Our car has the highest resale value on the market. Customer loyalty is at an all-time high. I can give you a good deal on a new car today. You should really buy one of our cars.
2. All living things (plants, animals, humans) have the ability to absorb nourishment, to grow, and to propagate. All “living” creatures” (animals and humans) have an additional ability to perceive the world around them and move about. Moreover, all humans have the ability to think, or otherwise to order their perceptions into various categories and class. So there are in reality no sharp boundaries in the natural world.
3. There is biological evidence that the genetic characteristics for nonviolence have been selected over time by the species, and the height and weight of humans have increased over centuries
4. It seems as if everyone I know has a computer or a cell phone. The electronics industry is making better and better products every year.
5. She won the lottery, so she will quit her job soon.

### Determine whether it is an argument or an explanation

1. Many independent candidates won recent elections, even beating out strong incumbents. It must be because voters are disappointed with the two parties.
2. An independent candidate will never win the presidency of the United States. This is because the two-party system of Democrats and Republicans is too powerful to let a third party get any wide base of support among American voters.
3. While it is true that science cannot decide questions of value, that is because they cannot be intellectually decided at all, and lie outside of the realm of truth and falsehood. Whatever knowledge is attainable, must be attained by scientific methods; and what science cannot discover, mankind cannot know.

4. Presently I began to detect a most evil and searching odor stealing about the frozen air. This depressed my spirits still more, because of course I attributed it to my poor departed friend.
5. That God cannot lie is no advantage to your argument, because it is no proof that priests cannot, or that the Bible does not.

Make the implicit premise/conclusion explicit

1. I cannot help you if I don't know what is wrong—and I just don't know what's wrong.
2. If there has been a speed trap back there, it would have shown up on this radar detector, but none did.
3. It is certain that none of the president's top advisers had leaked the information, and yet it had indeed been leaked to the press.