Relevance

An **argument** is a statement an author makes that he/she **strongly believes**.

1 *Assessing the evidence that supports an author's argument will help you defend what you believe.*

> **Drinking too much soda is bad for your health.** Soda is high in sugar. According to the National Diabetes Association, there is about 3.4 tablespoons of sugar in a can of soda. Even one soda per day adds 150 calories to a person's diet. One hundred and fifty calories times 365 days equals 54,750 calories each year.

2 *Assessing the evidence that supports an author's argument will help you do well on tests.*

11 The author supports the argument that Houdini was a hard worker by describing

   A how he prepared.

   B his famous tricks.

   C his childhood.

   D how he became popular.

13 Which claim from the article is *least* supported by factual evidence?

   A Your eyes are like two small cameras.

   B This allows you to view the world in three dimensions, or 3-D.

   C On the other hand, animals that are hunted have eyes on the sides of the head.

   D If you think it would be great to have another type of vision . . . think again!

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Does anyone else have another reason why is it relevant to assess the evidence that supports an author's argument? (pair-share) Why is it relevant to assess the evidence that supports an author's argument? You may give me one of my reasons or one of your own. Which reason is the more relevant to you? Why?

Assess the evidence that supports an author's argument

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Relevance for *assess the evidence that supports an author's argument.* (7th)