

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

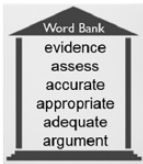
The Triple "A"
Test of Evidence

Accurate	Appropriate	Adequate
Is the evidence <i>true</i> ?	Does the evidence <i>fit</i> ?	Is there <i>enough</i> evidence?

Skill Closure

Assess the evidence that supports an author's argument.

- 1 Read the passage, paying close attention to the author's argument.
 - 1 Identify accurate evidence. (underline) Hint: Evidence comes from a reliable source.
 - 2 Assess whether the accurate evidence is appropriate.(check) Hint: Evidence supports the argument.
 - 3 Assess whether all the evidence is adequate. (count) Hint: Evidence provides at least 3 cases.
 - 4 Assess the evidence that supports the author's argument.



Pizza

1. Pizza is the most popular food in America.
2. Pizza is popular among all ages, but especially children.
3. According to a recent Gallup Poll, pizza is preferred by children above all other foods.
4. Pizza is also a very convenient food, and is served in many restaurants.
5. United States Census data has reported that there are over 60,000 pizza restaurants in the United States.
6. Research by the National Association of Pizza Operators has found that Americans eat as much as 100 acres of pizza each day!
7. There is no doubt that pizza is the favorite food of Americans.

The evidence _____ the author's argument because it is _____.

Constructed Response Closure

Shannon claims that the statement "Pizza is made from dough, sauce, and cheese" would be appropriate evidence to the argument "Pizza is the best food to eat."

Explain why Shannon is incorrect in this claim.

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about assessing the evidence that supports an author's argument? (pair-share)

Closure for assessing the evidence that supports an author's argument. (7th)