

Cite It or Bite It Answer Key

#1 Sample Answer:

I trust **Response B** more because it gives exact names, dates, and sources I could look up. It sounds careful and specific instead of just confidence. Response A uses big statements like "most popular sport" and "Olympic event in the 1970s," but it doesn't explain *where* that information came from.

Teaching Note: Look for answers mentioning **specific evidence cues** - citations, concrete facts, publication names, or tone words like "confident" or "vague."

#2 Sample Statements & Reasoning:

Statement 1 (Response A): "By the 1970s, skateboarding had become an Olympic event."

Can it be verified? Yes - but if we check, we'll find it's **false**.

What evidence would you need? Olympic records or historical documents showing when skateboarding entered the Olympics. (It actually debuted in **2021**.)

Statement 2 (Response B): "Tony Hawk made the first documented '900' spin in 1999."

Can it be verified? Yes.

What evidence would you need? A video recording or sports coverage from the **1999 X Games**, or a reliable news article confirming the event.

Alternative Strong Student Choices:

"Skateboarding started in the 1950s." → Verifiable with history books or sports archives.

"Almost every city has at least one skate park." → Hard to verify; would need nationwide statistics or government data.

Teaching Note: Students should show understanding that **verifiable** ≠ **true** - a claim is verifiable when there's a way to check it.