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Evaluating Support in Paragraphs

Objective: Read each short paragraph and rate the argument's strength as Strong, Moderate, or Weak. Then explain why.



1. Paragraph: Students should have less homework. Homework can cause stress and keep students from spending time with family. Some studies even show it doesn't improve learning in younger grades.

Your Rating: _____

Why? _____

2. Paragraph: Every student should be required to join a school club. It's fun to hang out with your friends and not be in class all day.

Your Rating: _____

Why? _____

3. Paragraph: School lunch should be free for all students. This ensures that no one has to go hungry and helps families save money. It also helps students focus better in class when they aren't worried about meals.

Your Rating: _____

Why? _____

4. Paragraph: We should be allowed to bring pets to school. I love dogs and think it would make school more fun.

Your Rating: _____

Why? _____

5. Paragraph: Phones should be banned during class. A recent study found that students who kept their phones put away scored higher on tests. Teachers also say they spend less time managing behavior when phones are not a distraction.

Your Rating: _____

Why? _____