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Claims in Short Texts

Objective: Read each short paragraph and highlight or underline the main **claim** in each passage.

1. The city should build more bike lanes. Not only do they help reduce traffic congestion, but they also make it safer for cyclists to get around. With more people biking instead of driving, pollution would decrease too.

Your Task: Identify the author's claim.

2. Homework is unnecessary for elementary students. Studies show that it does not improve academic performance at young ages. Instead, students should use that time to play, rest, or explore personal interests.

Your Task: What claim is being made here?

3. Social media companies must do more to protect teens from online bullying. Many young people suffer in silence, and the current safety tools are not strong enough to prevent harmful behavior.

Your Task: What is the main claim?

 **Extension:** Write your own short paragraph (3–4 sentences) about a topic you care about. **Underline** your main claim.