

Precision Lens Answer Key

1. suggests. Caution against causation signals tentativeness.
2. mitigate. Remaining barriers prevent total removal.
3. nuanced. Engaging conflicting sources shows complexity, not bias.
4. compromise. Revisions imply concessions rather than full agreement.
5. plausible. Limited data does not justify definitiveness.
6. critique. Academic evaluation is analytical, not a grievance.
7. indicate. A trend needing study is not proven.
8. qualified. Stated limits restrict the claims.
9. accounts for. Addressing variability is not dismissal.
10. tentative. Pending review signals uncertainty.

Teacher's Guide

- Focus skill: Contextual nuance and precision in academic vocabulary selection.
- Timing: 10 to 15 minutes; fits a single page.
- What to grade: Accuracy of choice and clarity of the one-sentence justification.
- Differentiation:
 - Support: Let students underline the limiting phrase before choosing.
 - Challenge: Require students to name the academic discipline implied by the sentence.
- Engagement:
 - Pair defense: Students justify opposing choices, then identify the decisive context clue.
- Extension:
 - Writing transfer: Students revise one paragraph of their own writing by replacing two imprecise words and annotating why the new words fit better.