Evidence Into Action

Read an oral proposal that uses research without overstating it.

11.RL.30 "Synthesize research using responsible and ethical practices to create and orally present clear, coherent products demonstrating command of language that is suitable for the target audience and purpose."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each named source and underline the claim attributed to it. Number the sentence where the speaker combines the sources and the sentence where the speaker limits what the evidence can prove.

A Cooler Place to Wait

(1) Members of the city youth council, imagine waiting for a bus on a block with no tree cover in July. Heat is not distributed evenly across a city. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency explains that roads and buildings absorb and release heat, while trees cool nearby air through shade and evaporation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that hot weather can cause heat-related illness, especially for people who spend time outdoors. Those findings do not tell us which bus stop is hottest. Together, though, they give us a sound reason to investigate where riders wait in direct sun.

(2) Before the city buys a shelter, we could record midday shade at several busy stops and ask riders when they travel. We should report the number of stops checked and avoid presenting a few observations as a citywide survey. If a stop has little shade and heavy use, the council could test a temporary canopy while planners consider trees or a permanent shelter. The EPA's explanation supports trying shade; the CDC's health guidance explains why reducing time in intense heat matters. Neither agency has measured our local stops, so our observations would guide the choice of a site.

(3) Members of the council, a shaded stop would not make extreme heat safe, and a canopy could block a sidewalk if placed carelessly. Our test should leave a clear path for wheelchair users and include a way to collect riders' comments. I am asking for permission to study one location and try one temporary canopy, not to declare a solution for the whole city. After the test, we can share what we observed, what riders reported, and what we still do not know. That is a better basis for a lasting investment than a guess made from a hot afternoon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does each agency's finding support a different part of the speaker's case for investigating bus stops?

2. Why would it be misleading to describe observations at several stops as a citywide survey?

3. What does the speaker say the agencies cannot establish about local bus stops? How does that limit shape the proposal?

4. Identify a sentence addressed to the council's decision-making role. Explain how its wording makes the request clear and limited.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 75- to 100-word statement for your school's athletics committee proposing a pilot change to outdoor practice routines on hot days. Use and attribute one finding from each agency in the passage, distinguish your proposal from those findings, and state one limit of the evidence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each named source and underline the claim attributed to it. Number the sentence where the speaker combines the sources and the sentence where the speaker limits what the evidence can prove. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does each agency's finding support a different part of the speaker's case for investigating bus stops?	**The EPA explains how built surfaces retain heat and trees provide cooling. The CDC establishes that hot weather can harm people outdoors, making riders' exposure worth investigating.**
2	Why would it be misleading to describe observations at several stops as a citywide survey?	**Several stops are only a limited sample. The speaker says to report how many were checked rather than imply that the observations represent every stop.**
3	What does the speaker say the agencies cannot establish about local bus stops? How does that limit shape the proposal?	**Neither agency has measured the local stops or identified the hottest one. The speaker therefore proposes collecting local observations before choosing a test site.**
4	Identify a sentence addressed to the council's decision-making role. Explain how its wording makes the request clear and limited.	**"I am asking for permission to study one location and try one temporary canopy, not to declare a solution for the whole city." It names the approval sought and limits the test to one site.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Members of the athletics committee, our teams should have an indoor practice option when outdoor heat is a concern. The Environmental Protection Agency explains that pavement and buildings absorb and release heat, while trees provide cooling. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that hot weather can cause heat-related illness for people outdoors. These sources do not measure conditions on our practice field, so I am not claiming it is unsafe every afternoon. Please pilot an indoor option and record local conditions before deciding when to use it.

Accept accurate paraphrases and other relevant sentences from the passage. For the final task, look for both attributions, a distinct proposed action, an explicit evidence limit, and language suited to an oral request.