

Source Check

Sort presentation statements by the evidence they use.

8.C.2 "Speaking and Presentation of Ideas Deliver collaborative and individual formal and informal interactive presentations This includes: Clearly communicating information in an organized and succinct manner..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SOURCE-BACKED

A sourced statement names or refers to a source that gives facts, data, or observations. Speakers use sources to support their ideas.

The museum's exhibit guide identifies the blue whale as the largest animal known to have lived.

UNSUPPORTED

An unsupported statement gives an opinion or claim without naming evidence from a source. A speaker needs evidence to make the claim stronger.

Solar panels are the coolest thing on every roof.

1 SORT

8 items

For each statement, circle SOURCED or UNSUPPORTED, then in Part 2 choose two statements and explain what source evidence, or lack of source evidence, guided each choice.

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| 1. | The city health report says the number of bike trips rose 18 percent last year. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 2. | In our survey of 120 students, 74 said they prefer later library hours. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 3. | School lunches are obviously the worst part of the day. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 4. | According to the National Park Service, prairie fires can help some native plants grow. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 5. | Everyone knows homework should be banned. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 6. | Our recycling plan will definitely work better than any other plan. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 7. | The article "Water Wise" explains that fixing leaks can save gallons of water each day. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |
| 8. | Our interview with the cafeteria manager showed that composting started in March. | ☐ SOURCED | ☐ UNSUPPORTED |

2**PROVE IT**

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3**MAKE YOUR OWN**

One of each

Write one new SOURCED statement and one new UNSUPPORTED statement about a topic you could present.

SOURCED

UNSUPPORTED

CHALLENGE

Choose one UNSUPPORTED statement from Part 1. Rewrite it as a SOURCED statement by adding a specific, relevant source.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The city health report says the number of bike trips rose 18 percent last year.	SOURCED	The statement names a report and gives a statistic from it.
2	In our survey of 120 students, 74 said they prefer later library hours.	SOURCED	The statement identifies a survey and reports its results.
3	School lunches are obviously the worst part of the day.	UNSUPPORTED	This opinion does not include a source or evidence.
4	According to the National Park Service, prairie fires can help some native plants grow.	SOURCED	The statement names the National Park Service as its source.
5	Everyone knows homework should be banned.	UNSUPPORTED	The claim gives no source, data, or observation.
6	Our recycling plan will definitely work better than any other plan.	UNSUPPORTED	The claim offers no evidence or source for the comparison.
7	The article "Water Wise" explains that fixing leaks can save gallons of water each day.	SOURCED	The statement refers to an article as a source.
8	Our interview with the cafeteria manager showed that composting started in March.	SOURCED	The statement identifies an interview as its source.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SOURCED:** According to the school district calendar, it lists the days when classes are not held.
- **UNSUPPORTED:** The school calendar is much too confusing.

Challenge: According to a student council poll of 200 eighth graders, 146 favored banning homework.

Part 2 responses should identify the source named in each SOURCED statement or explain that an UNSUPPORTED statement has no cited evidence. Accept varied Part 3 responses when the sourced example clearly names a relevant source and the unsupported example does not.