Argument vs. Evidence “Step 2.5”

**Directions:** Put a star next to the evidence from the choices below that BEST supports the argument. For each choice, tell why you would or would not use it. THEN write a logical sentence that would follow from your choice, explaining how the evidence supports the argument.

**ARGUMENT: Eating too much candy causes stomach aches.**

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| **EVIDENCE OPTIONS** | **Would you use this “evidence”? Why/Why not?** |
| 1. One time my brother ate 60 KitKats and nothing happened. | NO. It opposes the argument. |
| 2. I like Hershey kisses best. | NO. It’s irrelevant. |
| 3. My sister collected three bags of candy yesterday. | MAYBE: It’s true but not totally relevant. I’d have to explain it. |
| 4. Yesterday I ate 22 Snickers bars and threw up. \* | YES. It clearly supports the argument. |

**Next logical sentence:** Obviously, I had overdosed on sugar, and my stomach could not hold so much “content.”

**PRACTICE:**

**ARGUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **EVIDENCE OPTIONS** | **Would you use this “evidence”? Why/Why not?** |
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**Next logical sentence:

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