

Evaluating a Speaker's Argument

Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____ / 10



Quick Review

Focus on evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence?
 - The speaker is confident, so the argument is proven.
 - The speaker's strongest evidence is the attendance data from three years, not the single story about one student.
 - The funniest example is the best evidence.
 - The claim is true because the speaker repeats it.
- Which revision best applies evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence? Original: The speaker says clubs help everybody because my friend likes art club.
 - The speaker should support the claim with participation data, survey results, and examples from more than one club.
 - The speaker says clubs help everybody because my friend likes art club.
 - The speaker is confident, so the argument is proven.
 - The funniest example is the best evidence.
- A student is working on this task: A speaker argues for free breakfast at school. Which choice would be MOST effective?
 - The speaker is confident, so the argument is proven.
 - The funniest example is the best evidence.
 - Check whether the evidence is relevant, sufficient, and from a reliable source.
 - The claim is true because the speaker repeats it.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
 - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
 - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
 - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
 - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence.



5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
 - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
 - B. Separate reasons from evidence before judging the claim.
 - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
 - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
 - A. Accepting irrelevant evidence because it sounds emotional.
 - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
 - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
 - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
 - A. It works because it applies evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence to the exact task.
 - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
 - C. It is better because it sounds good.
 - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
 - A. Choose the first familiar word.
 - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
 - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
 - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
9. Name one relevant and one irrelevant piece of evidence for a speech about school gardens.

10. Explain what makes evidence sufficient in a spoken argument.



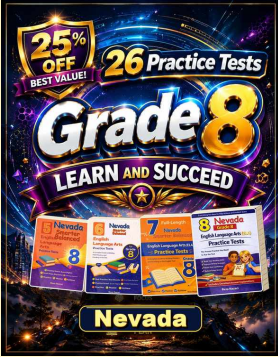
Answer Keys

<p>1 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input checked="" type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input checked="" type="radio"/> D</p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/> A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p>	<p>6 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>7 <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input checked="" type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D</p> <p>8 <input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input checked="" type="radio"/> D</p> <p>9 <input type="text" value="See below"/></p> <p>10 <input type="text" value="See below"/></p>
---	--

Explanations	
1. B	The correct choice demonstrates evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence clearly and precisely.
2. A	The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning.
3. C	The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make.
4. D	Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do.
5. B	The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill.
6. A	The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill.
7. C	A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer.
8. D	Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices.
9.	Answer: Strong answers should explicitly use evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	Answer: Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving evaluating a speaker's claims, reasoning, and evidence. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.



Want Even More Practice? Check Out Our Other Nevada Smarter Balanced ELA Test Books!




Nevada Smarter Balanced Grade 8 ELA Preparation Bundle

26 full-length practice tests across four books (5 + 6 + 7 + 8)

No repeated questions — maximum practice value!

▼ DOWNLOAD INSTANTLY ▼



SCAN ME

Point your phone camera at the code · instant access to all four books

26 Tests!
4 Books
One Bundle

Important: All our test books contain **unique, completely different tests** from each other! Each book offers fresh practice questions — no repeats!

5 Practice Tests	6 Practice Tests	7 Practice Tests	8 Practice Tests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 complete practice tests with detailed explanations ✓ Perfect foundation for Smarter Balanced ELA prep ✓ Builds confidence and test-taking skills ✓ High-quality questions aligned with standards <p>Start your practice journey!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6 complete practice tests with detailed explanations ✓ Unique tests — different from the 5 tests book ✓ Perfect for more practice after mastering 5 tests ✓ Same high-quality questions aligned with standards <p>Take your practice to the next level!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 7 complete practice tests for deeper preparation ✓ Unique tests — different from 5 and 6 tests books ✓ Builds stamina with full-length practice ✓ Aligned to Grade 8 Smarter Balanced ELA standards <p>Maximum preparation power!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8 complete practice tests — our largest book ✓ Unique tests — different from 5, 6 and 7 books ✓ Great for final review before test day ✓ Builds true test stamina and confidence <p>Be fully prepared!</p>

Get the bundle at [EffortlessMath.com](https://www.EffortlessMath.com) — scan the QR code above to open the product page.