



## Contrast the Strength of Evidence to Support for a Claim

CCSSR8—evaluate evidence for a claim

A claim is a point of view or position about something. For example, Chicago is a city is a statement of fact. **It's not an idea.** Here is a claim about Chicago: **Chicago is the best city in the world.**

Writers support a claim with evidence. Readers evaluate the evidence. Readers ask themselves:

Is this evidence that directly supports the claim?

Does it include specific information or examples?

Which of these provides **better** evidence for the claim that Chicago is one of the best cities in the world.

Many people say they love Chicago.

Each year, thousands of people move to Chicago from other places in the world.

### Analyze a Claim

Take an article or editorial in which a writer makes claims about a person or event.

Choose one claim. State it here in just a few words.

Claim: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose two statements from the speech that support that claim. Restate them in a few words in column 1. Then rate them in columns 2 and 3.

<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Writer states it clearly.</i>	<i>It is a specific example</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Rate the two supporting statements.

Which of the statements provides stronger support? 1 2

Explain your choice. \_\_\_\_\_

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