

Supported inferences and evidence

Select the conclusion supported by a short passage while preserving its scope and uncertainty.



Reasoning at a glance

1. Evidence and conclusion

A supported inference combines evidence with a modest reasoning step. Separate stated observations from assumptions.

2. Scope

Some does not mean all. A result for one group or period does not automatically apply elsewhere.

3. Association and cause

Groups that differ in an observational comparison can differ for other reasons. A relationship alone does not prove a cause.

4. Missing measurements

An increased total can reflect a larger sample or area. A per-unit claim needs evidence about the denominator.

5. Uncertainty

A plausible explanation can remain unconfirmed. Choose the conclusion justified by the information rather than the most dramatic story.

A common error

Words such as every and always require evidence broad enough to support them.

Prerequisites: Distinguish observations, assumptions and conclusions

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