

Write an Explanation Paragraph: Check Your Understanding



Use the matching sheet ID when checking answers.

Work through these tasks. Use the answers afterwards to discuss specific strengths and next steps.

1. Which sentence is unrelated to the test?

Answer: I like blue paper.

2. Revise Wide bases always win so it matches the evidence.

Look for:

- Limits the claim to the evidence.

One possible response: The wide-base tower stood longer in this one recorded trial.

3. Write a clear revised paragraph including setup, results and conclusion.

Look for:

- Keeps accurate data.
- Uses logical order.
- Removes the irrelevant sentence.

One possible response: Equal sheets formed two designs. The wide base stood for 20 seconds and the narrow for 8; the wide design lasted longer in this trial.

4. Explain how one of your revisions improves the writing.

Look for:

- Links a specific edit and its purpose.

One possible response: Adding in this trial avoids an unsupported universal claim.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.