

# Strengthen vs. SA Deep Dive

Strengthen vs. SA question stem identification is a fraught topic for many students. But there's no need to stress! Both of these question stems often use the word "justify." This is where the confusion comes in, but the difference between SA and Strengthen is one of gradation.

Here's the reliable difference between the two question stems:

	DIFFERENCE	EXPLANATION
SA Question Stem	"which of the following <i>justifies</i> the conclusion"	<b>SA is not cool with MOST in the question stem.</b>  SA question stems never contain <b>MOST</b> . That's because SA requires the correct answer to prove the conclusion 100% valid. SA is a black and white question type. No <b>MOST</b> shades of gray allowed.
Strengthen Question Stem	"which of the following <i>most helps to justify</i> "  or  "which of the following <i>most justifies</i> "	<b>Strengthen is cool with MOST in the question stem.</b>  Strengthen questions stems can contain the word <b>MOST</b> . This is because Strengthen doesn't require the correct answer to prove the conclusion 100% valid. The level of strengthening can vary in the correct answer, so Strengthen is down for the <b>MOST</b> shades of gray.