

Answer-driven question types



Strengthen

Which one of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument's overall conclusion?

- The correct answer provides **new evidence** that helps the argument.
- “Offensive strengtheners” make forward progress toward the conclusion.
- “Defensive strengtheners” protect the argument against attack—especially if you’ve identified a big problem while attacking the argument.

Weaken

Which one of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument?

- The correct answer provides **new evidence** that makes the conclusion suspect.
- Frequently, the correct answer will target a weakness you’ve already identified while attacking the argument.

Sufficient Assumption

Which one of the following, if assumed, would justify the conclusion?

- The correct answer bridges a gap in the argument to make the argument win—that is, it proves the conclusion correct.
- Always predict it before looking at the answer choices.