**Comprehension check #1: After slide 10**

COMPLETE the statements correctly by clicking on the answers.

1. A thesis statement is...

a. the first paragraph of an essay.

b. an introduction to the essay.

c. a one or two sentence summary of the essay's argument.

d. an illustration of the main point of the essay.

2. The purpose of the thesis statement is to...

a. introduce the pros and cons of the argument.

b. define the objective of the essay.

c. give an example of the topic discussed in the essay.

d. describe the supporting research used in the essay.

3. Without a strong thesis statement, your essay...

a. may wander off topic.

b. may lack sufficient supporting information.

c. is incomplete.

d. will not have an adequate introduction.

4. To generate a thesis statement you should...

a. come up with as many ideas as possible.

b. ask your professor for possible topics.

c. turn the assignment into a question.

d. write a draft of your essay.

**Comprehension Check #2: Immediately after Check #1**

*Instructions:* Click on the most effective thesis statement for each topic.

Topic 1: Organic Food

1. Is it possible to grow organic food on a large scale?
2. There are many issues that arise when growing organic food.
3. More large agricultural businesses should grow their food organically to lessen their impact on the environment.

Topic 2: Single-Sex Education

1. Schools should offer the option of single-sex education to help eliminate gender stereotypes that prevent students from excelling in particular subjects.
2. Educators debate over whether or not girls and boys should be educated separately.
3. Education is a big issue in America today.

Topic 3: Environmental Impact of Water Bottles

1. Many people carry disposable water bottles.
2. Instead of using disposable water bottles, we should use reusable bottles to reduce our waste.
3. The issues of using disposable water bottles will be discussed in this essay.

**Comprehension Check #3: After slide 19**

*Instructions:* Identify unifying claims by clicking on them.

Although helicopter parents mean well and try to do their best for their children, their hovering techniques prevent their children from maturing, which can hinder the children’s performance in college or the workplace.

Psychiatrists rely too heavily on prescription drugs when treating patients; these drugs may cause addiction or other harmful side effects, especially if they are prescribed to children.

While internet ads are distracting and irritating, users should be willing to tolerate ads as they allow websites to provide content and services for free.

Sports teams that use Native American mascots should change those mascots; the current mascots perpetuate stereotypes that continue to harm the Native American community.

Although Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) tend to have poor gas mileage, they provide important benefits that are important to consumers, including safety features and size, making them a family-friendly vehicle.

**Comprehension Check #4: After slide 29**

*Instructions*: Identify the problem with each thesis statement.

1. In my opinion, high schools should offer more than abstinence-only sex education; they should advise students on various birth control and disease prevention techniques.
   1. Fragment
   2. Personal opinion phrase
   3. Muddled language
   4. Statement of fact
2. Should people who apply for welfare benefits be required to pass a drug test?
   1. Not a statement
   2. Overly figurative language
   3. Announces a topic
   4. Contains elements that aren’t related
3. This paper will explore the effects of the Occupy Wall Street movement.
   1. Personal opinion phrase
   2. Fragment
   3. Contains elements that aren’t related
   4. Announces a topic
4. Alternative medicines like acupuncture provide many important benefits to patients.
   1. Vague
   2. Muddled language
   3. Fragment
   4. Statement of fact
5. Asking a public school to provide character education to students opens up a Pandora’s Box of problems.
   1. Question
   2. Announces a topic
   3. Personal opinion phrase
   4. Overly figurative language