

# Types of Evidence

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**1. Fact** means something actually done or said.

Neil Armstrong was the first person to step on the moon. He said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

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**2. Example** is a part of something used to explain the whole thing.

Peas, beans, and corn are examples of vegetables.

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**3. **S**tatistic** is an amount, fraction, or percentage learned from scientific research.

The world has over 7 billion people; half live in Asia; only 5% live in the United States.

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### 4. **C**omparison

means to show how one thing is like or unlike another.

Both automobiles are available with hybrid engines, but only one has an all-electric plug-in option.

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**5. Authority** is an expert which can be quoted to support a claim or a topic.

According to the Surgeon General of the United States, "Smoking is the chief cause of lung cancer."

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**6. Logic** is deductive (general to specific) or inductive (specific to general) reasoning.

All fruits have vitamins and apples are fruits, so apples have vitamins. The first 10 crayons I picked were red, so the whole box must be filled with red crayons.

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**7. Experience** is a personal observation of or participation in an event.

Hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back requires careful planning and takes most of the day.

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**8. Counterclaim** is the argument against one's point of view, which the writer then minimizes or refutes (proves wrong).

Some argue that a high protein diet is healthy because... However, most doctors disagree due to...