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# EVIDENCE AND INFERENCE IN THE NEWS

**Introduction:** If you left your desk to get a drink and came back to find your pencil missing you might blame someone of stealing it. But, you would need to back it up with some evidence for example: "My pencil was pink with yellow flowers on it; Mary has a pink pencil with yellow flowers on it." This statement is evidence, it is a fact, and it can be proven, but it still doesn't mean Mary stole your pencil. Blaming Mary is an inference; it may or may not be true.

## Definitions:

*Evidence* \_\_\_\_\_

*Inference* \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have a definition for each of the terms, classify each one of the following sentences as an inference or as a piece of evidence. (put a check mark in the appropriate box.)

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| 1. All students will sleep in this Saturday.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 2. 10 out of 15 flowers in my garden are red.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 3. My backpack is green.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 4. 95% of students took an art class last year.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 5. My dog must have chewed on my shoes overnight.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 6. Two men were seen running from the bank.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 7. Most cats weigh between 3-5 kilograms.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 8. I stubbed my toe on the chair.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 9. I think that humans killed off all of the deer.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |
| 10. No matter what I say, my mom's not going to let us go to the movie. | <input type="checkbox"/> Inference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence |

- Read the article provided by your teacher.
- After reading the article, try and find ten statements, write them below, and classify them as evidence or inference.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Inference   ☐ Evidence
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Inference   ☐ Evidence
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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