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## Supporting Your Opinion: Make a Statement → Back It Up

## Read the statement. Circle or highlight ALL of the sentences that would back up the statement.

- 1. The old saying is true, "Dog is man's best friend".
  - Dogs are always ready to risk their lives to save their masters.
  - If the dog were such a friend, it wouldn't bite people.
  - If you treat a dog kindly, it will love you with all its heart.
  - It is true dogs bite, but only if you throw stones at them or if they think they are protecting their families.
- 2. Children should have three hours of homework to do every night.
  - Three hours of homework will give children something to do and keep them out of trouble.
  - Three hours of homework doesn't leave children enough time for family chores.
  - We all want children to learn as much as they can; the more time they spend doing homework, the more they will learn.
  - Doing three hours of homework will make children's minds overtired so they actually learn less.
- 3. Cars should be kept off the streets.
  - If there were no cars in the streets, people could cross the streets safely without fear of being run over.
  - If cars were kept in garages instead of being driven, they would not break down and need costly repairs.
  - If people could not drive their cars, they would probably stop buying them; all the people who make and sell cars would lose their jobs.
  - Keeping cars off the streets would certainly prevent people from being run over, but keeping people off the streets would have the same effect.

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Think about how you must back up a statement you make if you want others to believe you or agree with you. You must PROVE that you are right.

Now write a paragraph (5-7 sentences) on one of the topics below.

Remember to make a statement (this is your topic sentence), and then back it up (this is your proof that your opinion is right).

- School buildings should have solar panels.
- Everyone should recycle properly.
- People should stop eating meat.
- Schools should have electric school buses.
- Schools should have a composting program for food waste.
- Schools should cover their car parking area with a roof covered with solar panels.