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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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