



## Go The Distance Criticism and evaluation

### Activity 1

#### Reporting verbs and phrases for showing your attitude to sources

How would you complete these sentences? Look at the beginnings of the sentences (1 – 7), then look at the list of endings below, and choose the correct ending (a – g) for each sentence. You can only use each ending once. The answers are at the end of this document.

1. Hughes (2017a) maintains...	(a) ... demonstrates that literacy affects the understanding of mathematical ideas, among both children and adults.
2. Churchill (2015) shows...	(b) ... that the decline in Trade Unions has been principally the result of improved HR practices.
3. Tunnicliffe (2016) claims that...	(c) ... (Lockley 2009).
4. Balmer (2005)...	(d) ...that the H.264/AVC video coding standard leads to improvements in compression efficiency; however, there is considerable evidence to suggest that his analysis may be incorrect.
5. As Chau (2008a; 2008b)...	(e) ...the transportation of goods by air is excluded from CIF contracts.
6. According to Jevon (2015),...	(f) ... the Vienna Convention has had significant negative impacts on trade; however, his reasons for making this claim are clearly flawed.
7. The use of hand-held remote controllers has been found to have positive effects on older people's general health...	(g) ...demonstrates, there is a strong relationship between social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility.

## Activity 2

### Phrases for negative evaluation of source material

Here are 8 extracts from students' university assignments. In each case, the student is pointing out a problem with the source material. Read each example and fill the gaps to complete the critical phrases.

1. UNESCO's (2012) report on the status of Canterbury Cathedral and precinct focuses on the immediate effects on the human and built environments; **it** \_\_\_\_\_ the broader economic impact of a World Heritage Centre.

- (a) is not consider
- (b) does not consider
- (c) not consider

2. Solnit (2013) has suggested that recent problems with the European Arrest Warrant can be resolved in the British courts. **However, it is** \_\_\_\_\_ **that** many of the issues around the European Arrest Warrant have arisen within the jurisdictions of other European states, and hence an international solution is needed.

- (a) clear
- (b) clearly
- (c) cleared

3. Askew describes 'holy minimalism' as, "the most significant development in twentieth-century Christian music" (2015: 2). **However, it could** \_\_\_\_\_ **that** certain non-Christian composers, such as Yogo and Durzun, should also be included within the category of holy minimalism, and hence that holy minimalism cannot be regarded as a specifically Christian musical movement at all.

- (a) argue
- (b) argued
- (c) be argued

4. Tomkins (2010) suggested that the boom in credit in the early 2000s caused a significant over-estimation of potential output; however, as we have seen, the impact of this boom was primarily on asset priced rather than spending. **A further objection** \_\_\_\_\_ **this argument is that** it fails to distinguish between the effects of debt on demand and its effects on the supply side.

- (a) of
- (b) for
- (c) to

5. **A further** \_\_\_\_\_ **of** Leonto's (1999) proposal for the funding of the British penal system **is that** it fails to take into account the social costs of crime, which are inevitably borne by local services (Frank 2011).

- (a) critical
- (b) criticism

(c) criticality

6. Hawley's (2014) model of consumer purchasing behaviour **does not take** \_\_\_\_\_ recent critiques of rational-actor theory, such as those of Harper (2012; 2015) and Kuepper (2011a; 2011b).

- (a) account
- (b) into account
- (c) into account that

7. Obington's claim that, "IQ tests remain the most accurate and reliable means of measuring intelligence," (2009; 20) lacks force, as **he fails** \_\_\_\_\_ the term 'intelligence'.

- (a) define
- (b) defining
- (c) to define

8. Coltman (2012) describes Eliot's 'Four Quartets' as a synthesis of Dante and early modern English poetry. In doing so, **she fails to** \_\_\_\_\_ **the importance of** St John of the Cross as a primary influence on 'Four Quartets'.

- (a) acknowledge
- (b) knowledge
- (c) know

### Activity 3

#### Language for conclusions based on evaluation of source material

Look back at Activity 2 above. Which word or phrase is used to indicate the result of a problem with the source material?

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## Answer Key

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3. Tunnicliffe (2016) claims that (f) the Vienna Convention has had significant negative impacts on trade; however, his reasons for making this claim are clearly flawed.
4. Balmer (2005) (a) demonstrates that literacy affects the understanding of mathematical ideas, among both children and adults.
5. As Chau (2008a; 2008b) (g) demonstrates, there is a strong relationship between social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility.
6. According to Jevon (2015), (e) the transportation of goods by air is excluded from CIF contracts.
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5. **A further (b) criticism of** Leonto's (1999) proposal for the funding of the British penal system **is that** it fails to take into account the social costs of crime, which are inevitably borne by local services (Frank 2011).

6. Hawley's (2014) model of consumer purchasing behaviour **does not take (b) into account** recent critiques of rational-actor theory, such as those of Harper (2012; 2015) and Kuepper (2011a; 2011b).

7. Obington's claim that, "IQ tests remain the most accurate and reliable means of measuring intelligence," (2009; 20) lacks force, as he **fails (c) to define** the term 'intelligence'.

8. Coltman (2012) describes Eliot's 'Four Quartets' as a synthesis of Dante and early modern English poetry. In doing so, she **fails to (a) acknowledge the importance of** St John of the Cross as a primary influence on 'Four Quartets'.

### Activity 3

The phrase **(and) hence** is used to signpost the result of problematic source material in extracts 2 and 3.