**Preparation**

* Print out the Making Claims About Climate Change worksheet

**Purpose**

This is a quick introduction to how you can assess claims about climate change that are made in your everyday life. You’ll practice testing claims throughout this course. You’ll make claims as well, often within the context of informal and formal writing assignments. In this activity, you’ll have your first opportunity to practice testing and making claims. Developing claim-making skills will help you make stronger evidence-backed arguments overall.

## Process

***Part 1: Assessing Claims***

1. Take about five minutes to read the claims posted around the classroom and decide if you agree or disagree with each one.
2. For each posted claim, write your name and why you agree or disagree on a sticky note.

***Part 2: Making Claims***

1. On the Making Claims Above Climate Change worksheet, write two claims that answer the question, “What is climate change?”
2. Add at least one piece of evidence to support each of your claims.
3. Share your claims with the class.

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**Directions:** Come up with two claims that answer the question, What is climate change? Make sure to support each claim with evidence.

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| **Claim 1:** | |
| **Evidence** |  |

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| **Claim 2:** | |
| **Evidence** |  |