**Purpose**

In this activity, you’ll use your knowledge of claim testing to write supporting statements for claims. Claim testing is a skill that will not only help you decide what to believe but can help you develop the capacity to convince others of the arguments you make. By working on backing claims with supports, you’ll become more skilled at evaluating climate change claims and using evidence to support your assertions.

## Process

In this claim testing activity, you are given four claims about the impacts of climate change. You are asked to work with these claims in two ways:

* Find supporting statements for those claims.
* Evaluate the strength of the supporting statements provided for those claims.

Get into small table groups. Each group should have a complete set of Claim Cards in the middle of their table. Listen for your teacher’s directions for when to start.

### Round 1

1. Grab one Claim Card from the center of the table.
2. On the card, write down a statement that supports the claim. You can use prior knowledge or course materials for this.
3. Pass your Claim Card to the person to your right.
4. Write down a statement that supports the claim on the card that you now have. It can’t be the same as any of the supports already written on the card.
5. Repeat the process until each group member has written a supporting statement on each card.
6. Put the Claim Cards back in the center of the table.

### Round 2

1. Grab one Claim Card from the pile and stand up.
2. Find at least three other students who have the same claim as you and get into a group with them (if there are more than six people in your group, let your teacher know).
3. Look at all the supporting statements that were written for your claim. Decide which supporting statements are strongest (that is, they best support the claim).
4. Write the strongest supporting statements on the whiteboard so everyone can see them.

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| Severe weather events are becoming more frequent and more extreme because of climate change. | The impacts of climate change are not experienced equally by all communities and ecosystems. |
| It’s important to limit global temperature increase as much as possible—every increment of warming matters. | Overall, climate change is having negative impacts on both human and natural systems. |