

Clue Words

Clue words are important. They help you decide if a statement is true or false. Some common clue words are listed below.

never	invariably	seldom
sometimes	always	many
most	worst	not
some	all	

The clue words below say that something is *always* TRUE.
Statements with these words are usually FALSE because few things are true all the time.

all	first	never
only	not	exactly
every	always	worst
totally	best	invariably
none	because	

The clue words below are often used with **TRUE statements** because they are less specific. They say that something **may** be true or is **sometimes** true, rather than always true.

many	probably	usually
mainly	generally	seldom
occasionally	often	frequently
sometimes	more	might

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It's an Exception

If you can think of one exception to a statement, it is FALSE.

If you can't think of an exception, it is TRUE.

All or None

All parts of a statement must be true in order for the answer to be TRUE. If any part of the statement is false, the answer is FALSE.

Negative to Positive

A double negative is a statement that uses two “negative” words (example: “If you don’t put gas in the car, it won’t start.”). To find out if the statement is true or false change the negatives to positives. (If you put gas in the car, it will start).

Negative words and negative prefixes can change the meaning of true/false statements.

Key words and Phrases

You lose valuable points if you don’t follow directions for answering questions. All directions have key words or phrases that tell you exactly what to do.

Circle the letter

Match the definition

Underline the correct term

Answer three of the five

Do exactly what the directions say, not what you want to do.