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Constructing a Response

Directions: Read "Can Your Dog Predict the Future?" and complete the activity on page 27. Then follow the steps below to write a response to the question on page 27.

→ See *Scope's* "How to Answer a Constructed-Response Question" for tips and information about how to complete this activity.

Question from page 27:
Can observing animal behavior help us predict natural disasters?

Step 1: Write your claim.

Complete the sentence below to write your claim in response to the question. Don't forget to include your explanation.

Observing animal behavior _____
because _____

_____.

Step 2: Provide text evidence with commentary.

Write two details from the article that support your claim. You can write them in the form of direct quotations or paraphrases. Include a citation for each detail. Explain how each supports your claim.

Detail 1: _____

Sentence explaining how this detail supports my claim: _____

Detail 2: _____

Sentence explaining how this detail supports my claim: _____

Step 3: Write a conclusion.

Wrap it all up. End your paragraph with a strong sentence that will give your readers something to think about. One option is to refer to your central claim. Or, come up with an idea of your own!

Now it's time to put it all together. And guess what: You've already done the hardest part of the work! What's left is to take what you just wrote and put it together into one flowing paragraph. Write your final response on a separate sheet of paper.

Remember to:

- Use transitions between sentences.
- Read your paragraph to make sure your ideas are clear. Revise as needed.
- When you are satisfied with your paragraph, read it again to make sure there are no spelling or punctuation mistakes.