

Find the Hidden Assumption

An **assumption** is something that you accept as being true without actually having any proof that it is true. We make many assumptions every day without necessarily realizing that we are doing so. An assumption often takes the form of an implied generalization that we don't examine very closely or at all. Identifying the hidden assumption in an idea can be a good first step to challenging that idea.



DIRECTIONS: Read each statement below. Identify the hidden assumption.

1. This chocolate is good for you because it's organic.

Assumption: _____

2. That shampoo is bad for you because it's full of chemicals.

Assumption: _____

3. That book will be great because my uncle wrote it.

Assumption: _____

4. Janet must really watch what she eats because she's so thin.

Assumption: _____

5. The government should fund artists since art is important to everyone.

Assumption: _____

6. That book probably isn't good since it's popular.

Assumption: _____

7. My mother never needed to work because she got married.

Assumption: _____