Claim vs. Evidence

A claim is a statement that describes your position or point of view on a topic or issue. A claim MUST be open for debate. Evidence is any combination of facts, data, or examples, or quotations that support your claim. Evidence is NOT debatable. You use evidence to prove that a claim is true.

DIRECTIONS: Read each statement. Is it a claim? Explain your answer.

Eggplant is better for you than potatoes.

Is it a claim? _____ Explain: _____

Classical music is better for brain development than rap.

Is it a claim? _____ Explain: _____

Cats sleep for around 13 to 16 hours a day (70% of their life).

Is it a claim? _____ Explain: _____

Books are more educational than movies.

Is it a claim? _____ Explain: _____

