

# What makes evidence strong?

## Strong Evidence:

- Presents an argument that makes sense
- Makes the audience believe in the argument
- Is more convincing than any other argument
- Answers all possible questions

## Medium Evidence:

- Presents an argument that makes sense
- Makes the audience believe in the argument
- Is as convincing as other arguments
- Leaves some questions unanswered

## Weak Evidence:

- Presents an argument, but it does not completely make sense
- Does not change the audience's thinking
- Is not as strong as other arguments
- Leaves most questions unanswered

## Rank this evidence:

- My brother was home when the milk was spilled.
- My brother had milk on him right after the milk was spilled.
- I saw my brother alone in the kitchen and, as soon as I looked away, I heard milk spill and he cried "Oops!"
  
- The pitbull is the only dog that seems like he would bite the mailman.
- The pitbull barked louder than the other dogs when the mailman approached.
- The bite size on the mailman's arm is too large to match any dog except the pitbull.
  
- Turtle is a trouble-maker, so she might enjoy setting off bombs.
- Turtle was the only person who didn't have an alibi for setting the bombs.
- Turtle said she set off the bombs.

Strong



Medium



Weak