

GENERALIZATIONS

What does it mean to make a Generalization?

- You are making a statement about what several people or things have in common



Circle the statement that would be a generalization based on each passage.

1. One of the greatest rulers of all time was called Charlemagne. He was a medieval French king who became the first Holy Roman Emperor. Charlemagne was noted for his extraordinary size and strength. He was six feet four inches tall, and he weighed 275 pounds. It was said that he was capable of killing a man with one blow of his fist, and he was considered the best rider and hunter in the realm.
 - a. Charlemagne was a great leader.
 - b. Charlemagne was tall and strong.
 - c. Most people were smaller and weaker than Charlemagne.
 - d. Charlemagne was the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire.
2. How much sugar have you had today? Maybe more than you think. Soft drinks, candy, and pastries, of course, contain a great deal of sugar. But so do foods such as ketchup, frozen dinners, salad dressing, hot dogs, and packaged bread. Sugar is added to those foods when they are processed. So the average American eats about one hundred (100) pounds of sugar each year.
 - a. Americans eat too much sugar.
 - b. Ketchup and hot dogs are unexpected sources of sugar.
 - c. Americans should not eat processed foods.
 - d. Usually, processed foods have lots of sugar in them.
3. When do you cry? People often cry for joy at weddings and births. They cry at funerals and when feeling sorry for themselves. Crying actually makes a person feel better, so if you feel a good cry coming on – go right ahead.
 - a. People cry for many reasons.
 - b. Crying is healthy.
 - c. People shed tears when they cry.
 - d. Typically, only humans shed tears.
4. Inventions have interesting and sometimes unusual names. For instance, the saxophone was invented by Joseph Sax. Thomas Blanket set up a loom in 1340 and wove the first blanket. When you eat a sandwich, you are indulging in a treat made popular by the Earl of Sandwich. If you've ever ridden a Ferris wheel, you owe the thrilling experience to George Washington Ferris, who built the first one.
 - a. Many objects are named for their inventors.
 - b. No one used covers before Blanket.
 - c. Generally, all new inventions are important.
 - d. All inventions are given the inventor's name.



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Generalizations

Using what you read

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What you already know