

Evaluating Unsupported Claims

GEN 110
(Erion)

For each of the following unsupported claims, determine whether you would *accept as probably true*, *reject as probably false*, or *suspend judgment* until acquiring *further information*. Also be sure *justify* your assessment by referring to any of the relevant factors we have discussed.

1. Snapcase plays this Saturday night at the Continental; doors open at 8:00 PM.
- entertainment page, the *Buffalo News*
2. Elvis plays this Saturday night at the Continental; doors open at 8:00 PM!
- supermarket tabloid newspaper headline
3. I was in the hospital having surgery yesterday, so I couldn't make it to the exam.
- student to professor
4. You look better in these Banana Republic shoes than you do in the ratty old sneakers that you were wearing when you came in.
- shoe salesperson at Banana Republic
5. The current temperature out at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport is 55° F.
- 11:00 PM weather report from the local NBC affiliate
6. The current temperature out at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport is 55° C.
- 11:00 PM weather report from the local NBC affiliate
7. The European Space Agency's Mars Express is scheduled to reach the Red Planet in December of 2003.
- CNN.com Web site
8. Mafia puts first man on Mars; thugs to turn Red Planet into gambling Mecca.
- WeeklyWorldNews.com Web site