

# Detecting faulty or misleading arguments and information

Master the reading strategy!



## Beware that:

- **True** statements contain nothing other than correct information.
- **False** statements contain contradictory or inaccurate information.
- **'Not Given'** statements contain information absent from the passage.

## Each statement provided in the option may:

- be put in wording different from that of the passage
- be about seemingly correct information that can be neither ascertained nor located
- have both correct and incorrect information, in which case the statement is deemed **'False'**

## Let's have a closer look!

Why people eat apples is not mentioned ➤ (i) Not Given

You must be familiar with the saying 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away'. Some people believe that eating an apple every day can keep them healthy. Indeed, apples have an essential nutrient, namely vitamin C, which boosts our immune system. However, **as suggested by scientists, eating an apple on a daily basis does not 'keep the doctor away' outright**, as apples alone do not provide us with all the essential nutrients we need, such as **potassium, which supports muscle functions**. That is the reason why, in the eyes of many nutritionists, the theory that the saying proposes does not hold water.

Apples do not benefit muscles much ➤ (iii) False

Scientists point out the saying is nonfactual ➤ (ii) True

Decide whether each of the following statements is true, false, or undecidable because not enough information is given.

- (i) People today eat apples mostly because of the saying.  
(ii) Scientists do not buy into the saying.  
(iii) Apple-eaters have stronger immune systems and muscles.

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## Let's practise!

Do you tend to laugh at things that others do not find amusing? If so, congratulations! Laughter, in fact, has long been thought of as a priceless, never-out-of-stock remedy that benefits us in many ways. It triggers the release of endorphins, lowers blood pressure, relieves depression, and even improves the cardiovascular system! But as the saying 'moderation in all things' goes, laughing too hard may backfire. A study revealed that it may lead to heart ruptures and provoke an asthmatic attack. So, remember, 'moderation in all things'.

Decide whether each of the following statements is true, false, or undecidable because not enough information is given.

- (i) Laughter helps with hypertension.  
(ii) Laughter brings no harm to your health.  
(iii) Laughter reduces your stress level and the risk of getting a flu.

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