

Fallacies

Name _____ Date _____

IDENTIFY THE FALLACY, set 1

Read each sentence. Check the fallacy that best matches the sentence.

1. Jack said Susan didn't cheat, but he is a thief, so she probably did cheat.
 - a. false cause
 - b. ad hominem
 - c. traditional wisdom
 - d. straw man

2. "Of course we should drive big cars," said Ed. "We've always driven big cars."
 - a. false cause
 - b. ad hominem
 - c. slippery slope
 - d. traditional wisdom

3. Pat said there was no conclusive proof for global warming, so it must be false.
 - a. ad ignorantum
 - b. ad hominem
 - c. slippery slope
 - d. straw man

4. "People who believe in evolution think our grandparents were monkeys! My grandparents are humans, from England," said Tom.
 - a. false cause
 - b. ad hominem
 - c. slippery slope
 - d. straw man

5. Please give me the job, because my children are sick and I have a broken leg.
 - a. false cause
 - b. appeal to emotions
 - c. slippery slope
 - d. straw man

6. A cat will have babies, and they'll have babies, and so on. So don't get a cat if you don't want to be a crazy cat lady with a house full of cats.
 - a. false cause
 - b. appeal to emotions
 - c. slippery slope
 - d. straw man

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