

Making Judgments**REVIEW**

Directions: Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Choose the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for the answer you have chosen.

Letters to the Editor**The Problem of Palmer's Pond**

To the Editor,

The issue about what to do to fix Palmer's Pond has arisen once more. Some people think we should allow mosquitoes on Palmer's Pond, but independent studies have shown that oil from the boats would put fish in danger. So we should keep mosquitoes out of the pond.

We should also be wary of the plan to build a hotel near the pond. A hotel would destroy the quiet that we love. For the same reason, we should not build a new beach. No matter what the mayor's study says, we don't need a new beach yet.

My family has lived on Palmer's Pond for 120 years. I know what the pond needs. To save the pond, we need to keep it the same.

Sincerely,
Gillian Maxwell

- When the author says that mosquitoes should be kept off the pond, she—
 - does not support her opinion.
 - uses an independent study to support her opinion.
 - is only stating facts.
 - is ignoring facts.
- The author's opinion about a new hotel is—
 - supported by a study.
 - supported by facts.
 - not supported.
 - contradicted by other statements in the article.
- When the author says that a new beach should not be built, she—
 - uses a study to support her opinion.
 - uses first of hand.
 - lists facts.
 - ignores a study.
- Which statement shows that the author might not be a fair judge of plans for the pond?
 - She ignores the mayor's study.
 - She ignores an independent study.
 - She doesn't want mosquitoes.
 - Her family has lived on the pond for 120 years.
- Because the author wants the pond to stay the same, she probably—
 - will not consider anything that might change it.
 - considers all opposing opinions carefully.
 - gives a balanced account of the situation.
 - supports all of her opinions.



Notes for Homes: Your child made judgments about the statements in a letter and how well the arguments are supported. *Home activity:* With your child read an editorial column. Discuss how well the author presents and supports his or her opinions.