Test Taking Strategies: True/False Statements
Negatives

Circle all negatives so that you are sure of what the statement says.

List some examples of negatives.
Examples of Negatives

Not
None
No one
Hardly, Scarcely
Prefixes such as
   Un-  non-  dis-  in-
What others did you list?
Negatives

The effect of *negatives* is to make the *opposite* of what it would be without the negative.

*Write a statement then change it by adding a negative.*
Double Negatives

Simplify the question by getting rid of double negatives.

Simplify this statement:

Most people are not unafraid of snakes.

Most people are not unafraid of snakes.
Qualifiers

If general qualifiers are present there is a good chance that the statement is True
General Qualifiers/True

List some general qualifiers.
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Absolute Qualifiers

If absolute qualifiers are used, there is a GOOD CHANCE that the statement is FALSE
Absolute Qualifiers

Absolute Qualifiers make a statement mean **100%**

There can be **No Exceptions** to the statement.

*List some qualifiers.*
Absolute Qualifiers/False

All               Everyone
Always            Only
No                Best
Never             Entirely
None              Invariably
Every             Worst
Educated Guesses

Guess False

If you think **any part** of a statement is false, then the **whole statement** is false.

*Carefully check items in a series.*
Educated Guesses

Guess False
If the statement gives a reason.

Be on the look-out for phrases such as reason, because, due to, or since
Educated Guesses

Guess True
Unless you know it is false.
How much do you remember?

What effect do negatives have on true false statements?
What do you do when there are two negatives in a sentence?
What effects do qualifiers have on true false statements?
What are two reasons you might guess that a statement is false?
Why would you guess that the statement might be true?