

CLAIM TESTING: PRACTICING AUTHORITY

Purpose

Using claim testers take practice. This activity provides you an opportunity to evaluate the authority in response to the video *Why Fish Farmers Need a Better Weather Forecast*.

Note: *If you haven't already done the activity Claim Testing: Evaluating Authority, we recommend you complete that intro lesson first before completing this activity.*

Key Information

Three important aspects of evaluating authority:

- **Expertise:** What is the author's (or organization's) recognized knowledge or professional and educational background in a field?
- **Source citation:** Does the author reference the sources they used to gather, analyze, or interpret information?
- **Perspective:** What is the claim-maker's point of view and their motivation for sharing the information?

Process

Answer the following questions after watching the video *Why Fish Farmers Need a Better Weather Forecast*.

1. At first glance, do you think this video is a reliable authority on climate change? Why or why not?

2. Examine the **expertise** of the video. What can you determine about the organization's knowledge and background in the field? Hint: to find out more about the organization, you may need to leave the site and find information in a new tab.

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3. How would you rank the expertise of the site? Check one:

High	Medium	Low	Explain your answer

4. Now, consider the **source citation** the video provides. How well does the video reference the sources they used to gather, analyze, or interpret information? Check one:

High	Medium	Low	Explain your answer

5. What do you notice about the perspective of the video? Consider what the motivation is for sharing the information, and who is the intended audience.

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6. Do you think this source is a reliable authority on the impacts of climate change? Why or why not?

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