

90 – Review Answers

Matching

Match the words and phrases in Column A with their definitions in Column B.

Column A

1. eloquent
2. the devil's in the detail
3. paradox
4. it rings true
5. spiritualist
6. mutation
7. irrational
8. intervene

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Column B

- a. the process of being altered or changed.
- b. someone who believes that spirits and matter exist.
- c. to seem likely
- d. to interfere and change something
- e. without reason
- f. a contradictory statement that may be true
- g. small details can make something more difficult
- h. fluent and persuasive expression



You try

Imagine you have to debate the chicken and the egg question. Write your own argument below. A non-chicken bird laid an egg and a chicken hatched from it. The question is whether the nature of the egg is determined by the bird that laid the egg (meaning the chicken came first by hatching from a non-chicken egg) or by the bird that hatches from the egg (meaning the egg came first). The bird inside the egg is an actual part of the egg, so I would say the egg came first.



Your turn

For each of the following statements write a short argument either agreeing or disagreeing (you can choose).

1. Junk food is too unhealthy for us and should be made illegal.
Regulation is appropriate to make sure consumers are informed about the nature of the food they are buying, but making junk food outright illegal would be too great a restriction on our freedoms.
2. People succeed by their own hard work. Luck has nothing to do with it.
Even assuming there is no luck involved in success in the academic or business worlds (a ludicrous assumption in a culture that worships risk-taking), it would impede your success if you were unlucky enough to be hit by a falling plane.
3. It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in the city.
The countryside has wide open spaces in which children can play safely and commune with nature. They will have many experiences that city kids miss out on.
4. Children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school.
Many studies suggest that young children are better at learning languages than teens and adults. In the U.S. most people don't study a second language outside of high school and this doesn't seem to produce much fluency at all.
5. Zoos are cruel to animals and should be abolished.
Many zoos care more for profits than the welfare of animals. Even some conservationist zoos have been caught making money off cute baby animals only to euthanize them when they reach adulthood, because their genes are not needed for breeding programs. Although many zoos contribute to the goals of conservation and education, maybe it's time for a new model.