

Corroboration

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In this activity you will learn the meaning of **corroboration**, why it is important and how to use it.

- What is it? **Corroboration** is finding information that is similar, backed up or supported .
- Why do I need to learn about **corroboration**?
 - 1: You can use corroboration to help decide if a source of information is reliable or unreliable.
 - 2: Corroboration can help in our daily lives, for example, it can help us know if people are telling the truth, it can be used to save us money and even improve our health!Do you think information that is corroborated is likely to be more or less reliable?.
- How do I use corroboration? You look for information that is supported or backed up.

1: What killed the dinosaurs?



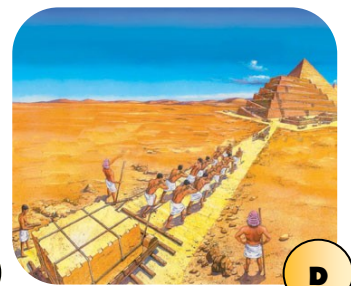
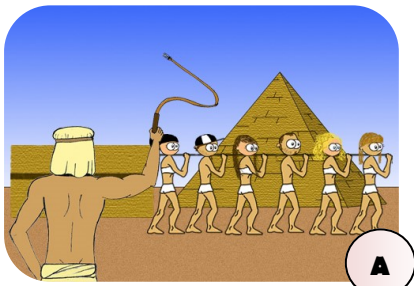
Which picture is the odd one out? The picture that is the odd one out is _____

Theory 1: _____

Theory 2: _____

The theory that is corroborated is theory _____

2: _____



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3: Can you help? : When driving home from work a man heard a funny ticking noise coming from the engine of his car. Although just a few miles from his home he decided to have the car looked at straight away and stopped at the next garage he saw. The mechanic looked at the engine, then, with a very serious look on his face said it will cost a lot of money to fix the problem. **What advice would you give to the car owner and why?**

4: Should I watch this movie?

Disney · PIXAR
MONSTERS UNIVERSITY



Monsters University cannot be said to be Pixar's best film, but there is enough fun to be had to justify a trip to see this movie.
4 Stars.



Monsters University is a worthy addition to Pixar's class of classics.
5 Stars.



There is a tired, unoriginal air hanging over this movie. Why do sequels have to be so unimaginative and boring?
2 Stars.



Q: Which movie review is the odd one out?

A: The _____

Q: Would you go to see this movie based on these reviews? Explain your answer.

A: _____

5: What happened to Adolf Hitler?



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxTqn6HNNH7A>



History tell us Hitler killed himself with his new wife, Eva Braun and then their corpses (bodies) burned. But Historian Abel Basti says this explanation is a lie. He says Hitler faked his own death before escaping to Argentina. He had plastic surgery to change his facial appearance, and spent his last years selling artwork, only dying 20 years after the war.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O91fk5ERMMM>



On April 30th, Hitler gave very clear instructions that both his and his wife's body should be burned after their death. After lunch, both Hitler and Eva Hitler met with leading Nazis. Hitler said his goodbyes. No one heard the shot that killed Hitler. The two bodies were covered in petrol and set alight.



Theory 1: _____

Theory 2 : _____

Why is it difficult to use corroboration to help decide which theory is more likely for this example?

What could we do next to help decide which theory is more reliable?

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

6: Can you help? While on holiday in a foreign country, a woman begins to feel some pain in the back of her mouth. Over the next two days the pain got worse so she decided to see the local dentist. The dentist did a quick check of her teeth and told her the problem was caused her wisdom teeth. He says she needs to have four wisdom teeth taken out and luckily he can do it immediately. **What advice would you give to the woman and why?**

Extension : can you think of another example when the skill of corroboration may be useful?