

Determine how an explanation using the conjunction “because” will be judged

1. Explanation to be judged: _____ because _____ .

Alleged conclusion alleged reason(s)

		2. Who is being asked to judge the explanation?	
		Judge 1: _____	Judge 2: _____ <small>(If applicable)</small>
3. Alleged reason(s) presented as sketches, lists, tables, etc.	4. Enumerate each possibility that is not self-contradicting <small>(a table presenting a direct product might be better than a list)</small>	5. When Judge 1 compares alleged reason(s) and each individual possibility, Judge 1 concludes	6. When Judge 2 compares alleged reason(s) and each individual possibility, Judge 2 concludes
	Possibility 1	(Circle one): Possible Impossible	(Circle one): Possible Impossible
	Possibility 2	(Circle one): Possible Impossible	(Circle one): Possible Impossible
	Possibility 3	(Circle one): Possible Impossible	(Circle one): Possible Impossible
	Possibility 4 <small>(add rows if needed)</small>	(Circle one): Possible Impossible	(Circle one): Possible Impossible
7. Is there at least one “Impossible” circle? Circle the appropriate answers.		Yes – continue to step 8. No – There is no need to mention the alleged reason(s) to reach the alleged conclusion. Judge 1’s opinion is that the explanation is invalid. STOP.	Yes – continue to step 8. No – There is no need to mention the alleged reason(s) to reach the alleged conclusion. Judge 2’s opinion is that the explanation is invalid. STOP.
8. Does the set of “Possible” and “Impossible” circles precisely match the alleged conclusion? Circle the appropriate answers.		Yes – Judge 1’s opinion is that the explanation is valid. STOP. No – Judge 1’s opinion is that the explanation is invalid. STOP.	Yes – Judge 2’s opinion is that the explanation is valid. STOP. No – Judge 2’s opinion is that the explanation is invalid. STOP.