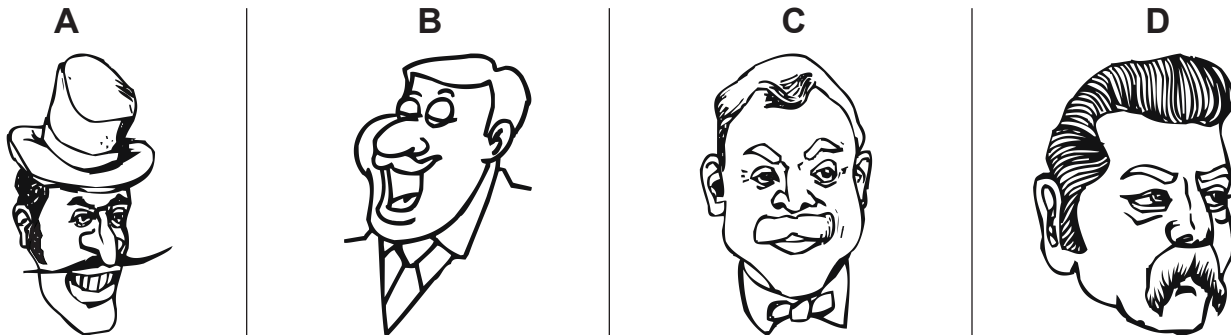


9. I think I figured out who the phony salesman is in this story.

Using descriptions from three witnesses, the police arrested a phony salesman who promised to ship people a new cell phone for \$10 if they gave him their old phone. The man they arrested is one of four shown.



This is what the witnesses told the police.



Witness 1: ¹The phony salesman seemed honest and caring about getting me a new phone. ²His hair and mustache looked nice.



Witness 2: ³This guy looked nice, but his mustache and hairy eyebrows made me suspicious. ⁴I hope the police catch him so I get my phone back.



Witness 3: ⁵He seemed like a nice old man. ⁶His face looked kind. ⁷His hair was combed straight back. ⁸He had a thick mustache and long sideburns.

So, suspect "A" is the phony salesperson.

Circle the sentence numbers that support each decision below.

A		B		C		D	
This is the salesman.		This is the salesman.		This is the salesman.		This is the salesman.	
1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
7		7		7		7	
This is not the salesman.		This is not the salesman.		This is not the salesman.		This is not the salesman.	
1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
7		7		7		7	

Evidence for conclusion: Strong Weak No Evidence

Answers

9. Weak. There is some evidence that suspect A was the thief, but better evidence that suspect D was the thief. Suspect A didn't have a thick mustache. Suspect B and C didn't have long sideburns or comb their hair straight back. Suspect D had a thick mustache, combed his hair straight back, and had long sideburns, so there is weak evidence for suspect A and strong evidence for suspect D.