

The Concert



The ticket stub Sam found in his mom's desk drawer.

¹Sam wants to go with his best friend James and his other two friends Stu and Robert to the Green Day concert on Thursday night. ²Sam suspects there is a good chance that his parents might forbid him from going to a rock concert, especially on a school night. ³He also knows they wouldn't be happy that he and his friends would only be accompanied by Robert's sixteen year old sister and her seventeen year old boyfriend.

⁴When Sam asks his dad if he can go to the concert he says, "I want to go to the Green Day concert, and you should allow me to go because all of the kids in my class are going and their parents say it's okay. ⁵I don't want to be the only one left out and miss all the fun. ⁶Besides, you told me you went to a Rolling Stones concert when you were my age, so I should be allowed to go too."

⁷"Yes," replied his dad, "but your grandmother insisted she go with us."

Assume all the statements and facts in the puzzles are true. Select the best answer, a-e, for each statement. Then write the sentence number(s) and/or check the box that provides the best evidence for answers a–d.

- a. This is true.
- b. This is probably true but might be false.
- c. This is false.
- d. This is probably false but might be true.
- e. None of the above. There is not enough evidence.

_____ 1. If Sam goes to the concert with his friends, he will be chaperoned by an adult.

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_____ 2. All of the parents of Sam's friends have given permission for them to go to the concert.

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_____ 3. Sam's parents do not want him to go to a rock concert on a school night.

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_____ 4. Sam's parents will let him go to the concert.

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_____ 5. All of Sam's friends are going to the concert.

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_____ 6. The ticket stub Sam found in his mom's desk drawer is from his dad's Rolling Stones concert.

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Answers

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1. c; 3; We know that this has to be false because only Robert's sixteen year old sister and her seventeen year old boyfriend were going to go with Sam and the other boys (sentence 3). Neither Robert's sister or her boyfriend are adults.
2. e; There is not enough evidence. Since we do not know if Sam's friends are members of his class, then we have no evidence that all, or even any, of the parents of Sam's friends have given their permission for them to attend the concert.
3. b; 2; Sam suspects there is a good chance that his parents won't allow him to go to the concert, especially on a school night. The fact that he "suspects there is a good chance" seems to indicate that his parents do not want him out on school nights and have told him this in the past. Of course, there might always be an exception.
4. d; 2, 3, 7; Sam's parents probably won't let him go to the concert because 1) it is on a school night, 2) no adults are going, and 3) he suspects his parents are not keen on rock concerts. Sentence 7 underscores that when his dad went to The Rolling Stones concert he went with an adult. However, we do not know for certain that they will say no.
5. e; There is not enough evidence. We do not know if Sam's friends, mentioned in sentence 1, are members of Sam's class. If they are, then they are going to the concert. If they are not, then we do not have any evidence that they are going or even want to go. Regardless, we simply do not know whether or not they are a part of Sam's class.
6. e; There is not enough evidence. While Sam's dad told him that he went to a Rolling Stones concert when he was Sam's age, we do not know that the ticket stub Sam found in his mom's desk drawer is his dad's ticket. Perhaps his mom also went and that is why it is in her desk drawer. Perhaps it is his grandmother's ticket. We do not have any evidence on which to base the inference that this ticket is his father's ticket.