

PRACTICE Drawing Conclusions

Conclusions are reasoned judgments or decisions that you make based on the details in the article.

Read the following profile of the author's dog.

My Dog Winnie

Winnie is a fourteen-year-old Doberman Pinscher, and she has been my faithful companion since she was a little puppy. She is reddish-brown in color and weighs about ninety pounds. Last year she hurt her back and lost the use of her back legs for a few months. Fortunately, the veterinary surgeon was able to restore partial movement in her legs, but she still cannot jump up on anything that is more than a few inches off the ground.

Doberman Pinschers typically live for about ten to fifteen years. Apart from her legs, Winnie has no other health problems and continues to enjoy her life. She has a good appetite and still loves chewing up the special dog treats I buy her at the pet store. Sometimes she even wades into the pond with me and takes a swim. I'm hoping that Winnie will continue to be my faithful companion for many more years.

Put a check mark in front of each conclusion that makes sense, based on the information in the profile.

1. _____ Winnie can still run and play with other dogs.
2. _____ Winnie's veterinary surgeon is the best surgeon in the country.
3. _____ Winnie's teeth are still in good condition.
4. _____ Winnie has only one more year to live.
5. _____ The author cares about Winnie's health.
6. _____ Winnie's weakened back legs make it difficult for her to climb stairs.

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Conclusions are decisions or reasoned judgments you make based only on the facts that are presented in a selection.

Read the following article about the future of clothing.

Hi! I'm Your Shirt

What if your clothes could talk? In the future, you might be able to wear an apron with a built-in microphone that will tell your kitchen appliances what to do. You might be able to go to a party wearing a shirt that sends messages to people across the room. The next time you leave the house, how would you like to put on a jacket with a built-in cell phone and an audio player? The headphones are built into the hood, and there's a microphone built into the collar. Sound weird? Not to the inventors and designers who are working to make such clothes a reality.

Some future clothes might even save your life. Inventors at the Georgia Institute of Technology are working on shirts that have sensors built in to monitor people's health. Babies at risk, elderly people who live alone, or firefighters who suffer from heat or other physical stress could wear these shirts. The shirts would then transmit the information directly to the health care professionals or a hospital monitoring station.

Write three conclusions that you can draw about the future of clothing, based on the information that you just read.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
