Strengths and weaknesses of a claim

Strengths:
- use of examples
- tone of language
- clear argument
- easy to follow
- use of sources
- Research

weaknesses:
- Few facts
- Source not refrenced
- Potential news paper bias
- author unknown — difficult to ~~very~~ verify knowledge claims
- little evidence
- mainly assertion

Testing a claim

Types of info:
- Statistics
- data from government ~~or pre~~
- Research reports
- expert testimony
- individual testimony

Sources of info:
- governments
- International organisations
- Experts

Research reports

   pressure groups, charities and NGOs

   media and internet

Possible methods:

   Interview

   Internet search

   questionairs

    surveys

    experiment

Looking for bias in statements

Not viewing both sides of claim

 Emotive language

Lack of evidence

Focused only on personal experience

For questions asking which argument is more convincing

logic

balance

expertise on the subject

 tone, clarity

Evidence ← ~~was~~ should be appropriate

Source of bias or vested interest — if it is there

Likeliness to agree with other views

Choosing a recomendation question

Scale of impact
different consequences
time taken to implement
barriers to change
influence of others on this decision
difficulties in planning and coordinating
Cost and access to resources