

News & Trends (REG)

Objective: Use all information in the News & Trends section on pages 4 and 5 of the January issue of Upfront to identify Main Idea, Too Narrow, and Too Broad statements and to better understand the numbers and stats used.

Directions: After reading the sub-sections of News & Trends, complete the following tasks and questions below.

Science--*Dog Democracy:*

1. Label the following statements as M (Main Idea), N (Too Narrow), or B (Too Broad).

_____ Different animals communicate in different ways to “vote”.

_____ African wild dogs will sneeze to show agreement for hunting in packs.

_____ Dominant male and female dogs need to sneeze less than other dogs lower on the totem pole to get the pack to move.

Law--*This River Could Sue You:*

2. What is the main idea of this section?
- Rivers and mountains need to have the same protective rights as people.
 - Countries have made laws to grant nature equal rights with humans with New Zealand becoming the first country to give a natural resource the status of a living being.
 - Be careful how you treat the Whanganui River—it has the same legal rights you have.
 - It’s a long shot that nature will be granted equal rights with humans in the United States.
3. Circle whether the following detail from the section is an **irrelevant statement** or a **supporting detail**.
Then, explain the answer you chose.

Detail: “Experts say it’s a long shot in the U.S., where activists have been unsuccessful in gaining full legal rights for animals.”

A) Irrelevant **B)** Supporting Detail

Explain your answer:

Tech—*Cash, Card, or Body Chip?:*

4. What is the authors’ main purpose of the paragraph?
- convince the reader to implant RFID chips to purchase items.
 - explain why people are against RFID chips.
 - explain how a company is using RFID chips with its employees
 - tell a story about someone who purchased an item with an RFID chip.

5. Analyze Matthew Feeney's quote. Which statement best describes Matthew Feeney's bias on this issue?
 - a. Matthew feels everyone should try the RFID chip, because it's worth the sacrifice of privacy for a short period of time.
 - b. If it's more convenient, it should be done.
 - c. Matthew disagrees with prioritizing convenience over personal privacy.
 - d. Matthew is indifferent and feels everyone should be allowed to make up their own mind.

Ethical Dilemma—*Pizza Profiteer?*:

6. Provide a supporting detail to the author's main idea: *The actions were not unethical, but they were poor social policy.*

Numbers In The News:

7. Beyond the obvious reason, explain why the authors used each number and stat by telling what the numbers and stats suggest. **INFER...DON'T repeat what the author has told you.**

a) \$200,000:

b) 20:

c) 40%

d) 30,000: