

Practice for:

## Reasoning Evaluation

**Instructions:** Evaluate each of the arguments below, using the following 4 step reasoning evaluation protocol.

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2. Diagram the argument as is
3. Frame the appropriate reasoning evaluation questions in the context of the argument
4. Answer the appropriate reasoning evaluation questions including commenting on what missing from the argument

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(2) There are several effects of a ferocious bear attack. In attacking its victim, the bear likely used its claws to cause grievous injuries including deep lacerations, internal bleeding and perhaps even broken bones. Such injuries pose a serious threat to the life and the victim should receive medical care ASAP. A less harmful effect could simply be the loss of food and supplies. The attack may have been precipitated by the bear's hunger. Bears have a keen sense of smell and an hungry bear may very well be drawn to the smell of human food. The bear may attack the human, not because the bear is threatened by the human but merely to get something to eat. A human may escape such an attack merely by dropping their supplies, usually a backpack, and running away as the bear tears into the pack. Nonetheless, this "lucky" human is left without their food and supplies. However, such food induced attacks may still result in a severe mauling described above.

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