**INFO SHEET #5: General Statement and Evidence**

**Competency**

**MELC:** Cite evidence to support a general statement.

**Objectives**

After the end of the lessons, the learners are expected to be able to:

1. identify evidence in the text that supports a general statement; and
2. cite evidence to support a general statement.

**Key Information**

**CITING EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT GENERAL STATEMENT**

**GENERAL STATEMENT** usually expresses the main point or the main idea of a piece of writing. It presents the topic of a paragraph, essay, or book and make a statement about it, usually a claim that needs to be proven.

*Ex. Cats are creatures of habit.*

General Statements always require specific statements that offer that support, which clarify, explain, and

illustrate general ideas and statements by referring to particular individuals, ideas, or things. These specific statements are called evidence.

**EVIDENCE** is an information that helps explain and prove someone’s ideas. It further the defines the general statement and prove that it is valid. This evidence can take many forms: examples, anecdotes, logical reasons, facts, statistics, expert testimony, even personal experiences, interviews, and surveys.

*Ex. Sadie, a little black cat, waits for her people at the top of the basement steps every morning and runs right to the refrigerator for her snack.*

The specific statement about Sadie the cat offers an example that proves the point that cats are creatures of habit. However, to further convince readers of the truth of that general idea, however, there is a need to provide a few more evidence such as statistical information, expert testimony, or logical reasons why cats are creatures of habit.

*Ex. In a recent survey of hundreds of cat owners, more than 90% indicated that their cats demanded to be fed at the same time every day, and more than 95% said that their cats sleep in the same spot’s day after day. – statistical information*

Veterinarians say that cats feel safe and secure when they are able to maintain the same routine every day and that, just like people, cats enjoy stability in life. – expert testimony

**Ways to Cite Evidence:**

**1. Direct Quotation –** place in quotation marks the exact words of the said by an expert or everything that

comes directly from the text.

*Ex. “The welfare of our teachers and learners remains to be our top priority and we will ensure that School Year 2021 will be bearable for all while still promoting effective learning engagement,” Secretary Briones said.*

**2. Paraphrasing –** restate the idea in your own words using statements like according to, the author stated, the research / study shows, and other similar phrases.

*Ex. According to Secretary Briones, DepEd prioritizes the welfare of the teachers and learners and ensures that School Year 2020-2021 will continue through effective learning delivery.*

**3. Naming the Source –** identify the source where you got the information and either directly quote the words or paraphrase them.

*Ex. As stated in the Manila Bulletin news online, Secretary Briones stated that DepEd’s top priority are the*

*teachers and the learners and ensuring that School Year 2020-2021 will be completed through different learning engagement.*

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