

Warrants Practice Exercise #1

Read the argument. Add a warrant.

1. There is no reason to be jealous of Bill and his new car because you old car works great.
2. I would never date that man because he is shorter than me.
3. Jack should not be the captain if the soccer team because half of the other players are better than him.
4. I had to miss class yesterday because I went to a soccer game.
5. I had to cheat on the exam because I needed a high score in order to get a scholarship.

Warrants Practice Exercise #2 – Alligator River

Read the story. Think about the four characters. Rank them from 1 to 4. Number 1 is the best person; number 4 is the worst person.

The Alligator River

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Julia. She loved a man named Greg. Greg lived on the shore of a river. Julia lived on the opposite shore. The river that separated the two sweethearts was filled with alligators.

Julia wanted to cross the river to be with Greg. Sadly, the bridge was broken during a flood. It was not possible to cross the river on the bridge. So she went to Sinbad, a riverboat captain, and asked him to take her across the river. He said he would take her across the river if she gave him the gold necklace she was wearing. This necklace once belonged to Greg's grandmother. Greg had given it to Julia.

She refused and went to a friend named Ivan for help. Unfortunately, Ivan said he did not want to help her. Julia felt her only choice was to pay Sinbad. So, she gave him the necklace and he took her across the river in his boat. Julia told Greg about the necklace. Greg was very angry. He told Julia to leave and never return.

Ranking

- 1 Best person
- 2
- 3
- 4 Worst person

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Possible answers.

1. There is no reason to be jealous of Bill and his new car because your old car works great. Be happy with what you have; new isn't always better.
2. I would never date that man because he is shorter than me. Ideal partners are always taller.
3. Jack should not be the captain of the soccer team because half of the other players are better than him. The captain should be the best athlete.
4. I had to miss class yesterday because I went to a soccer game. Soccer is more important than English class.
5. I had to cheat on the exam because I needed a high score in order to get a scholarship. The end justifies the means.