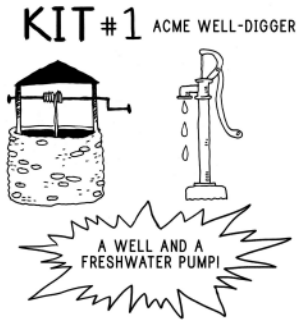
# Drought Protection Kits Argument Answer Key

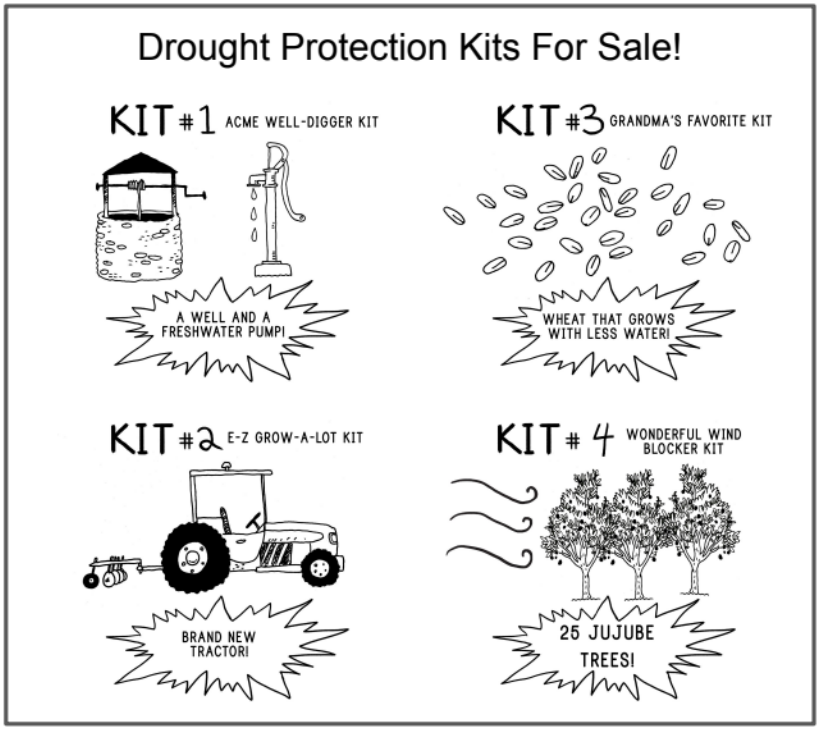
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**Directions**: Listen to the sales pitch and farmer's comments about each Drought Protection Kit the general store has for sale. Write the pros and cons for each kit below.

| Kits | Pros | Cons |
|---|---|---|
|  | • *A well provides a water supply even during a drought* | • *Wells have limited water and can run dry* |
|  | • *This kit easily removes native grasses so that corn, which is a high profit crop, can be planted and eventually harvested* | • *Corn is less drought tolerant and more likely to die in a drought, leading to the increased possibility of no harvest at all, as well as dust storms* |
|  | • *The seeds in this kit are more drought tolerant than corn and normal wheat* | • *Wheat and sweet potatoes aren't in as much demand as corn, so they won't bring in as much profit when sold* |
|  | • *The trees provide protection from the wind*<br>• *The trees can survive in a drought*<br>• *The trees produce fruit that might be able to be sold* | • *Customers may not be familiar with this fruit, so the fruit might be difficult to sell* |

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**Make a claim:**

I'm buying Kit # _____. My kit includes _____

_____.

**Support with evidence:**

This kit is the best choice to protect my farm against a drought because

*Answers will vary because all of the kits have pros and cons.*

| *Less sophisticated answers* | ⟹ | *More sophisticated answers* |
|---|---|---|
| • *state the pros of buying a particular kit* | • *state the pros of buying a particular kit*<br>• *explain why the cons of that kit are worth the risk* | • *state the pros of buying a particular kit*<br>• *explain why the cons of that kit are worth the risk*<br>• *explain why one or more of the other kits are worse choices* |