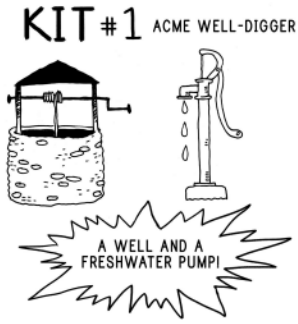
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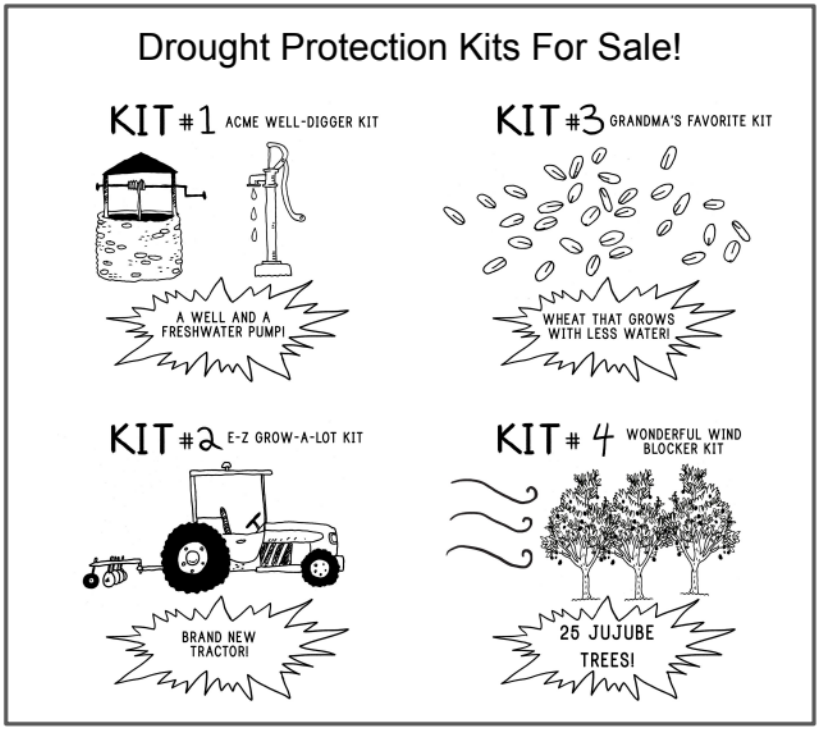
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Directions: Listen to the sales pitch and farmer's comments about each Drought Protection Kit the general store has for sale. Write the pros and cons for each kit below.

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* • *The trees can survive in a drought* • *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* • *explain why the cons of that kit are worth the risk*	• *state the pros of buying a particular kit* • *explain why the cons of that kit are worth the risk* • *explain why one or more of the other kits are worse choices*