

Getting familiar with . . . validity

For each of the following incomplete arguments, fill in the missing premise or conclusion to construct a valid deductive argument. (Don't get discouraged. This is tough to do without the tools we will introduce in Chapters 4, 5, and 6. But try to get a feel for what it would mean for premises to guarantee a conclusion.)

1.

1. All Christians are monotheists.

2. _____

3. Therefore, all Christians believe in one god.

2.

1.

2. All warm-blooded animals are mammals.

3. So, all cats are mammals.

3.

1. If people are wicked, they should act wickedly.

2. People are wicked.

3. Hence, . . .

4.

1. Our Sun is a star.

2. _____

3. Our Sun is composed of helium.

5.

1. You're either serious or you're lying.

2. _____

3. Hence, you're lying.

6.

1. All cats are mammals.

2. All mammals are warm-blooded.

3. So, . . .

7.

1. If it rains we stay, and if it snows we go.

2. It either rains or snows.

3. Therefore, . . .

8.

1.

2. All ducks are green.

3. So, all ducks float.

9.

1.

2. All scientists utilize the scientific method.

3. This shows us that all chemists utilize the scientific method.

10.

1. If it is round, then it is red.

2.

3. Therefore, all cars are red.