

Logical fallacies worksheet

What logical fallacy is being committed in each of the following examples?

Directions: Identify the conclusion and premise on the argument itself. Then write down the assumption and logical fallacy being committed.

1. The Golden Rule is a sound moral principle. It is basic to every system of ethics in every culture.
2. Foreign imports are wrecking our economy and savaging our workers, the backbone of this country. Buy American! Before you put your money on that Honda, think of the guy in Detroit whose kids may not eat tomorrow.
3. I think America should be more careful about the international organizations we join and the treaties we sign. After all, wasn't it George Washington himself who warned against foreign entanglements?
4. My opponent wants to take your guns away and make it so that you can't defend your family. They want criminals to ravage your neighborhoods. I believe in the Constitution and freedom and I want to protect your right to look out for your loved ones.
5. How can we end starvation in this world? People should eat more.
6. TV commentators are always attacking big businesses for making "obscene profits," but the companies they work for have higher profits than almost any other industry.

7. Every time Kentucky wins the NCAA men's title, the Yankees win the World Series. Since Kentucky just won, I think you should make a bet on the Yankees. You can't lose!
8. You should never, ever listen to him because I like to eat pizza on Fridays.
9. When he was elected President, the economy went on to grow at a record pace. He absolutely deserves credit for it.
10. Why would you ever listen to him? He voted for Jill Stein in the last election.
11. Why are you complaining about the name of the Washington Redskins? You only care because the people on the TV told you to.
12. Of course Jane is going to be successful. Everyone says so.
13. Why should Congress consult the Joint Chiefs of Staff about military funding? They are military men so obviously they will want as much money as they can get.
14. The faster a windmill turns, the more wind there is. Therefore, windmills create wind.
15. There are only two kinds of people in this world: makers and takers. Which one are you?

