

## Task 1 Who to trust?



You may have heard that the Baltic Sea is one of the most polluted seas. **What exactly is the cause of this pollution?** And what should be done about it? Among the following individuals, who do you believe has the most expertise on this matter?

Mark the number 1 for the individual you think has the most expertise. Mark the number 2 for the individual you think has the second most expertise, and so on.



**Larry Bear**

Number:

I am an investigative journalist and winner of the Journalist of the Year Award. Investigating environmental and conservation issues is the core of my work.



**Tina Wolf**

Number:

I am the Executive Director of Baltic Sea Music event. The Baltic Sea Music event donates 10% of its profits to the protection of the Baltic Sea.



**Olivia Fox**

Number:

I am a Baltic Sea researcher at the Nordic Environment Center. My work involves investigating how agricultural emissions impact the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea.



**Michael Lynx**

Number:

I am the president of a sailing club. I spend all summers on the Baltic Sea. I am familiar with its corners and have witnessed what pollution does to the sea.

Justify your order:

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## Task 2

### What are authors' intentions?

Below are four short texts on clothing. Consider the author's intentions for each text. Select an appropriate intention or intentions for each text and justify your selection.

Sincere  
Persuasive  
Commercial

#### **Clothes can produce renewable energy**

*Researchers at Aalto University* have announced the development of a garment embedded with a solar cell. The garment collects energy, which can be used as a power source portable devices, for example.

Justify your selection:

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#### **Smart yoga pants - the latest innovation**

Now you can improve your yoga practice. The vibration of smart yoga pants assists users in performing their yoga exercises correctly, states *a CEO of the start-up company* that developed the pants on the company's website.

Justify your selection:

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#### **The production of clothing pollutes the environment**

*A member of a European Parliament committee* has compiled information on how textile production affects the environment. Up to 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the production of clothing and footwear. That is more than the combined emissions from international flights and maritime transport.

Justify your selection:

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#### **Recycling allows you to buy clothes without worrying**

*In a fashion blog, a social media influencer* explains how everyone can change their summer look with affordable clothes. There's no need to worry about the environmental impact of buying clothes. You can always recycle them. Hurry to the store and make sure you're wearing the coolest colors of the season!

Justify your selection:

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### Task 3

## What evidence should you rely on?

Pollinators are crucial, because crops need insect pollination. The quantity of crops depends on them. **But has there been a change in the number of pollinators?** Investigate the following statements. Are they based on individual experiences or observations, expert statements, or research evidence? Finally, draw a conclusion and justify it.

Individual experiences or observations

Expert statement

Research evidence

1. The number of pollinators has significantly declined. According to the Expert Panel on Biodiversity, an increasing number of plant-pollinating species are threatened with extinction.

2. The number of pollinators has not significantly declined. Even here in Helsinki, wasps have been quite a nuisance in the past two years.

3. The number of pollinators has significantly declined. For 27 years, German scientists have been monitoring the number of flying insects across several nature reserves. During this period, the number of flying insects has decreased by over 75%.

4. The number of pollinators has not significantly declined. In our neighborhood, there are sufficient pollinators, as apple tree crops have remained nearly consistent for decades. Occasionally, there are better years and, at times, less favorable ones.

Below are two contradictory claims, supported by different evidence. Evaluate the evidence above and tick the claim that is more plausible.

The number of pollinators **has not** significantly declined.

The number of pollinators **has** significantly declined.

Justify your selection:

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