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***Practice 2: Pursuit of Happiness* Identifying Evidence Practice**

**Directions:** After watching the interview clip from [*Pursuit of Happiness*,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHXKitKAT1E) please complete this activity. Read each piece of evidence below and identify it as “strong” or “not strong”. Include your explanation. If it is a strong piece of evidence, it must answer the following questions:

*Does it support my claim or topic sentence?*

*Is it specific?*

**Claim: Chris Gardner is determined to get the job.**

1. Chris worked really hard to get a job.

1. Chris stood outside with a 40-pound gizmo for a month to get noticed.

1. Chris cared a lot about his child.

1. Chris was first in his class in high school and in the Navy.

1. Chris makes eye contact and confidently shakes hands with each interviewer while he introduces himself.

1. Chris ran to the interview from the police station.

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| QUESTION: | |
| CLAIM: | |
| EVIDENCE: | REASONING |

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