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Is It A Good Thesis? - ANSWER KEY

Determine whether each thesis is good or bad. If it has all the appropriate characteristics, it is good. If it's missing even one, it is a bad thesis. On the back of this sheet, rewrite the bad theses. When you're finished, write a thesis of your own and make sure it checks out.

Thesis Examples	Is it one sentence?	Do you know the topic? (If yes, write it).	Is there a clear position or opinion on the topic? Can it be debated?	Do you know how the essay will support the argument?	Is the point stated clearly with specific and appropriate language?	GOOD or BAD THESIS?
People should not be allowed to put their animals to sleep because it is wrong.	YES	Putting animals to sleep	YES	NO	NO	BAD
Spanish is a pretty good language to learn because it is helpful for lots of real world stuff.	YES	Spanish	NO	YES	NO	BAD
<i>The Hunger Games</i> is a popular young adult novel about teenagers who must fight to the death.	YES	Hunger Games	NO	NO	NO	BAD
Blue Mountain Middle School should require school uniforms, which can protect and comfort students physically and socially.	YES	School Uniforms	YES	YES	YES	GOOD
There are students who emigrated from many countries at our school, including Japan, Ecuador, Poland and Nigeria.	YES	Emigration	NO	NO	NO	BAD
The United States should require cafeterias to carry more fresh fruit because it is inexpensive and has many health benefits.	YES	Fruit in cafeterias	YES	YES	YES	GOOD
Franklin D. Roosevelt served the longest term as President, and his New Deal was helpful.	YES	FDR - unclear what about him	NO	NO	NO	BAD
Women's fashion in the 1920s, including revealing hemlines, short haircuts and big jewelry, represented women's changing place in society.	YES	Women's fashion in the 1920s	YES	YES	YES	GOOD
YOUR THESIS:						