Weigh Conflicting Evidence

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Read each original evidence pair. Decide which claim is better supported and explain why. Name one limitation.

Claim A: later start times improve attendance. School 1 attendance rose 3%; School 2 was unchanged.

Answer: _____

Claim A: study music improves recall. A randomized trial found no difference; a voluntary survey favored music.

Answer: _____

Claim A: the garden reduced cafeteria waste. Waste fell after the garden opened, but serving sizes also changed.

Answer: _____

Claim A: tutoring improved scores. Participants gained 8 points; similar nonparticipants gained 2.

Answer: _____

Grown-up check: Responses should compare relevance, study design, sample limits, and alternative explanations.

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