

Reading Skill

IDENTIFY PROPOSITION AND SUPPORT

Although “A Modest Proposal” is a satire, the essay is logically organized and supported by facts and evidence. The effectiveness of a proposition depends greatly on the way it is constructed. A successful proposal typically includes

- a clearly identified **problem**
- a **proposition**, or solution, that details the proposal’s implementation and advantages
- **support** for the proposal, including reasons, evidence, and fact
- acknowledgement of and refutation of **opposing views** or possible objections to the proposal

Directions: In the chart, record Swift’s proposal to the problem and give at least four examples of support for the proposal. One has been done for you.

Problem: <i>Poor children are a burden to their parents and the country.</i>	Proposal: _____ Support: 1. <i>These children can help feed and clothe thousands.</i> 2. 3. 4.
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