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| **Say** | **Mean** | **Matter** |
| **Evidence** | **Explain** | **Connect to claim** |

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| **Evidence 1:** Evidence to support the claim is… | **Say:** quote/paraphrase |
| **Explain:** [describe the evidence] Explain in detail about the evidence | **Mean:** explain what it means in context |
| **Connect to claim:** This relates to the claim because…without this…. This connects to the claim | **Matter:** explain why it matters in context |

**Example: How does the structure of a sperm cell Sperm Cell Structure and Function**

**Claim**: The structure of the sperm cell enables it to function. The main function of a sperm cell is to fertilize the egg cell.

**Evidence** **1:** Evidence to support this claim is the tail.

**Explain** **1:** The function of the tail is to help the sperm swim.

**Connect** **to claim 1:** This connects to the claim because w**ithout this structure the cell could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Evidence 2:** Evidence to support the claim is the middle piece.

**Explain 2:**

**Connect to claim 2:**

**Evidence 3:**

**Explain 3:**

**Connect to claim 3:**