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IN-CLASS ACTIVITY: ATTRIBUTION RULES (10 points)

Attribution tells the reader where you got your information. Too much attribution can clutter a lead. Too little can get you in trouble. So when should you use it? Fill in the blanks with the appropriate answer

1. If you know the information is _____, or you _____ it or have firsthand knowledge that it is true, you may eliminate the attribution.
2. If you received the information by _____, as in police or fire stories, attribute it to your source.
3. Whenever you are saying anything _____, as in police or political stories, you must attribute the information.
4. You must attribute the _____ or partial _____ you use in a lead.

Decide whether attribution is or is not needed in the following leads by writing **yes** or **no**.

_____ 5. An employment workshop for foreign students will be at 3:30 p.m. today in the student union.

_____ 6. Students will receive their enrollment permits in the mail this fall instead of waiting in line for them.

_____ 7. A fire that caused an estimated \$150,000 damage to a home in the western part of the city was caused by a lighted cigarette on a sofa.

_____ 8. A man shot and killed his wife because he was convinced she was having an affair with his best friend.

_____ 9. A woman was arrested and charged with hitting a police officer in the face with her key ring.

_____ 10. A 28-year-old man bashed a relative's car with a baseball bat Saturday night in a dispute over a baseball card.