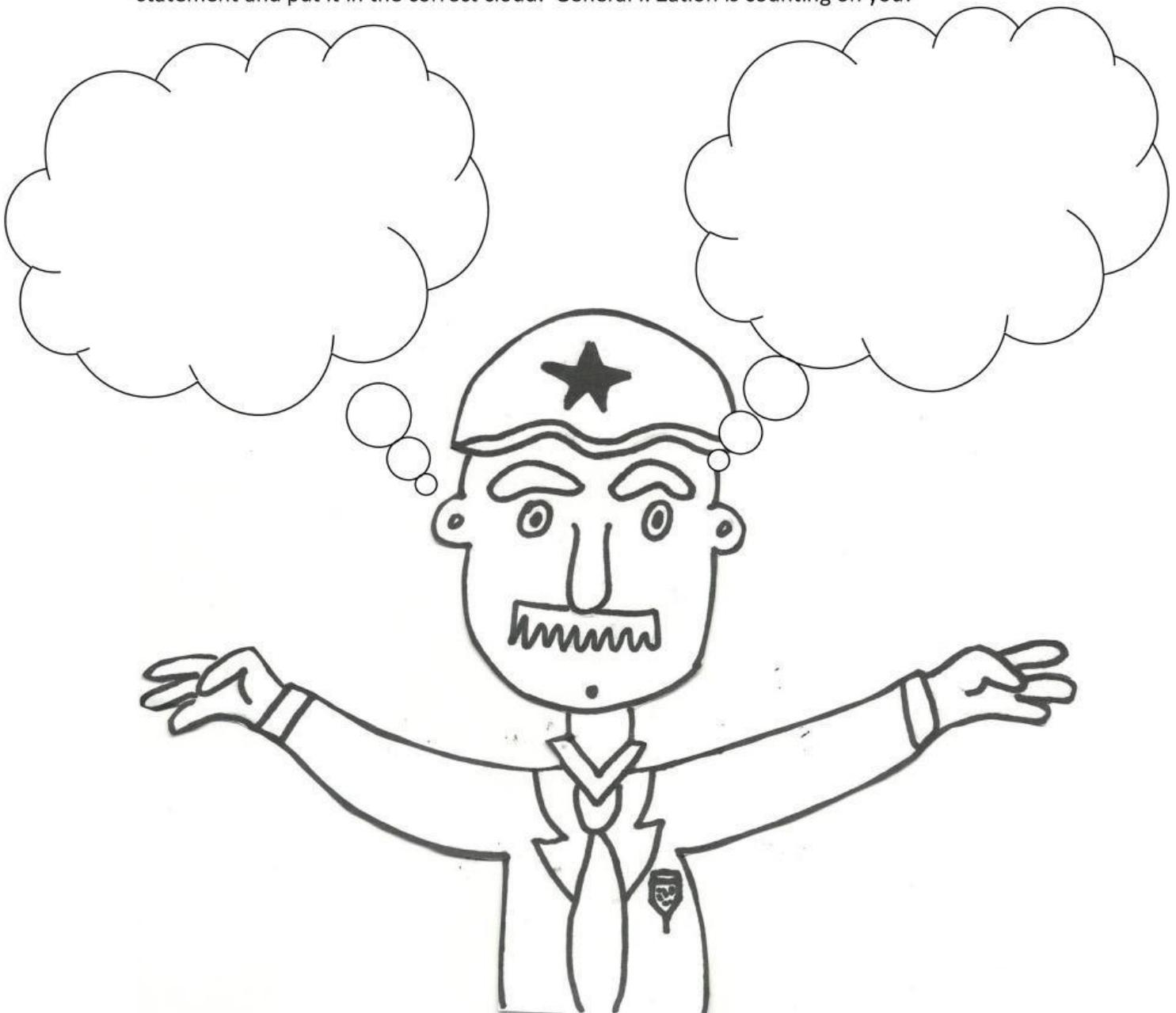# Gerneral I. Zation

Directions: A <u>generalization</u> is a broad statement that applies to many examples. General Ivan Zation needs help sorting out which statements are valid generalizations and which statements are faulty generalizations. Remember that a valid generalization means that the statement is true, can be supported with facts, and that it can be proven with many examples. A faulty generalization means that the statement is false and is not supported by facts.

On the next sheet there are several statements. Write the number from each statement and put it in the correct cloud. General I. Zation is counting on you!

1. The class never gets in trouble for talking too much.

2. Chocolate is everyone's favorite desert.

3. Sometimes my friends and I go to the park on Saturday.

4. All of the doctors have healthy patients.

5. None of the boys in my class have blonde hair.

6. We usually eat fast food once a week.

7. I seldom make bad grades.

8. The police officer never gives a speeding ticket.

9. After I finish my homework my parents sometimes let me play video games.

10. Some of the cats have brown fur.

11. All generalizations are faulty, even this one.

12. My dad and I generally go to the convenience store after school.

13. All cocker spaniels make good pets.

14. My sister usually has a basketball game on Monday nights.

15. Christmas is generally the most loved holiday.

Generalizations

✓ A _____ is a broad statement about what a group of people or things have in common.

✓ _____ should be supported by facts or details.

BAD GENERALIZATIONS

✓ Bad generalizations may be faulty generalizations. Avoid words like "all, always, everyone, no, none, never".

GOOD GENERALIZATIONS

✓ Good generalizations are valid generalizations. They are supported by facts, use logic and reasoning, and are proven with several examples.

FAULTY or VALID Generalization?

Many people love tacos.

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Chocolate is everyone's favorite dessert.

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- Make your own valid
  generalization.

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- Make your own faulty
  generalization.

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Clue Words: