	Correct	Reasoning
	A single, evenly saturated drop of blood that fills the circle completely and soaks through to the back of the blood spot card	Good quality blood spots are essential to obtain accurate screening results – this prevents babies with a condition being missed (false-negative result) or babies without a condition being referred for further tests unnecessarily (false-positive result)
	Incorrect	Reasoning
•	Insufficient sample: small volume spots (that is, underfilled circles)	Risk of false-negative result
front of card	Insufficient sample: blood not soaked through to the back of the blood spot card	Risk of false-negative result
back of card		
	Inappropriate application of blood: multispotted (that is, several small spots of blood)	Risk of false-negative result
	Compressed sample	Significant risk of false-negative result
(can be identified through staining of the envelope)		
	Inappropriate application of blood: layered sample (for example one spot of blood is layered directly on top of another) or blood applied to the front and the back of the blood spot card	Risk of false-positive result
	Contaminated sample	Risk of inaccurate result