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Words to know:

sensation (*taking things in through the five senses*), intelligible (*able to be understood with the intellect*), engrossed (*occupied completely*)

Four ways we can respond to a statement:

1. **Opinion:** I _____ the statement but with a qualification. I think it's likely true, but I don't exclude the possibility that it might be _____.
2. **Doubt:** I _____ the proposition but with a qualification. It might be _____ but I don't think it is.
3. **Knowledge:** I _____ a proposition without qualification because I _____ it to be true.
4. **Natural Belief:** I assent to the proposition without qualification even though I don't have certain knowledge of it myself. Instead, I _____ this as true based on the _____ of another.

On Aquinas' account believing is not principally an inner conviction and even less is it a feeling. It really involves coming into contact with a _____.

This kind of belief is eminently _____ and we all do it all the time.

So, accepting some truth even though we don't directly see the evidence for it but rather because we _____ the word of another, this is a very _____ thing for us to do.

Comprehension questions:

Give an example of a time you placed natural belief in something someone told you.

What would life be like if no one ever placed natural belief in the statements of others?