

A **fact** is something that can be proven.

An **opinion** is something that someone thinks or believes.

### Volcanoes

<sup>1</sup>Volcanoes are openings in the Earth's surface. <sup>2</sup>The word volcano comes from the name of the Roman god of fire, Vulcan. <sup>3</sup>Vulcan was the most feared Roman god. <sup>4</sup>Hot liquid rock under the Earth's surface is called magma. <sup>5</sup>It is called lava after it comes out of a volcano. <sup>6</sup>Volcanoes are fascinating. <sup>7</sup>Volcanoes can be active, dormant, or extinct.



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Which has a fact? Explain.

- A** Penguins are the most graceful swimmers.
- B** Penguins can swim as fast as 22 miles per hour.

Which has an opinion? Explain.

- A** It is delightful to watch penguins fish.
- B** Penguins can drink sea water.

What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?

1. Read the passage.
2. Distinguish between fact and opinion. (answer questions)
3. Justify your answer. (write)

### Coconuts

<sup>1</sup>Coconut palm trees grow in sandy soils and need lots of sun and rain. <sup>2</sup>They are often found near the ocean. <sup>3</sup>Coconut palm trees can grow up to 197 feet tall. <sup>4</sup>Coconuts are the seeds of the coconut palm tree. <sup>5</sup>They are the most delicious fruit. <sup>6</sup>The milk of the coconut has a great taste. <sup>7</sup>Coconuts are loved by all people around the world. <sup>8</sup>The husk of a coconut can be used to repel mosquitoes.



1. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are facts because...

2. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are opinions because...

### History of Egypt

<sup>1</sup>The civilization of ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in Africa. <sup>2</sup>Ancient Egyptians were able to use the water from the Nile to grow crops. <sup>3</sup>Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest civilizations in the history of the world. <sup>4</sup>The Nile also provided transportation for the Egyptians. <sup>5</sup>The Nile is still the most important river in the world.



3. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are facts because...

4. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are opinions because...

## Skill Closure

1. Read the paragraph.
2. Distinguish between fact and opinion. (answer questions)
3. Justify your answer. (write)

## Fish as Pets

<sup>1</sup>In Britain, fish are now the third most popular pet after dogs and cats. <sup>2</sup>Fish don't need to be walked. <sup>3</sup>They don't need to be groomed. <sup>4</sup>Fish are the best pets you can have. <sup>5</sup>Fish won't track dirt and mud in from outside. <sup>6</sup>They don't shed, slobber, or drool on your furniture. <sup>7</sup>A fish aquarium will be a beautiful addition to any home.



1. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are facts because...

2. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are opinions because...

## Concept Closure

Which passage has opinions? Justify.

## Passage A

## Rice

<sup>1</sup>Rice is the oldest known food that is still eaten today. <sup>2</sup>In India, rice is the first food given to newborn babies. <sup>3</sup>Rice grains are used to make some of the most beautiful jewelry. <sup>4</sup>Rice grains have also been used in construction. <sup>5</sup>Some of the best walls have been built with rice. <sup>6</sup>In Switzerland, rice has been used to stuff pillows. <sup>7</sup>These pillows are great for relieving back and neck pain.



## Passage B

## Rice

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## Summary Closure

What did you learn today about distinguishing between fact and opinion?

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## Word Bank

distinguish  
fact  
opinion  
can be proven  
what someone  
feels or believes

Read the paragraph. Determine which sentences are facts or opinions. Explain how you know.

### Basketball

<sup>1</sup>Basketball is a very fast sport. <sup>2</sup>Every player on the court gets to play offense and defense. <sup>3</sup>To learn basketball, one needs to practice dribbling and shooting. <sup>4</sup>Basketball is a lot of fun to play. <sup>5</sup>Basketball is often played outside in parks or in driveways. <sup>6</sup>It can also be played on an indoor court. <sup>7</sup>The best athletes in the world are basketball players.




1. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are facts because...

2. Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are opinions because...

Select sentences that are opinions about basketball. (Circle all that apply.)

- A Basketball is played with an orange ball.
- B Playing basketball makes you very healthy.
- C Basketball players have to be very tall.

 **Listening**

Listen to the sentences. Check if the sentence is a fact or opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
Sentence 1		
Sentence 2		
Sentence 3		
Sentence 4		
Sentence 5		
Sentence 6		
Sentence 7		



What is the passage about? (write)

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Check if the sentence is a fact or opinion.

1 Our teacher always asks us to bring a pencil to school.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
2 The worst rule is to wait your turn when the teacher asks a question.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
3 If you bring a pencil to school, you will do your best work.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
4 Last year, my teacher's rule was to always be respectful.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion



## Reading

Read the passage. Complete the passage. (use word bank)

Distinguish between fact and opinion.

hands

fast

most

should

fun

sharper

### Video Games

<sup>1</sup>Nowadays, \_\_\_\_\_ children play video games. <sup>2</sup>Video games will help children work with their \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>3</sup>When children play video games, their hands have to move \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the action. <sup>4</sup>Video games make families have \_\_\_\_\_ together. <sup>5</sup>Video games will help children have \_\_\_\_\_ eyes. <sup>6</sup>Children must be able to quickly follow all the action on the screen. <sup>7</sup>We \_\_\_\_\_ all play video games when we are bored.

Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are facts because...

Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ are opinions because...



## Writing

Write facts and opinions. (refer to the picture)



A fact...

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A fact...

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An opinion...

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An opinion...

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**Distinguish between fact and opinion.  
Justify your answer.**

**Greg Inglis**

<sup>1</sup>Greg Inglis is an Australian Rugby League player. <sup>2</sup>He started playing rugby league when he was about 7 years old. <sup>3</sup>Inglis first received pay for playing when he was 15. <sup>4</sup>Inglis is the most famous rugby league player in Australia. <sup>5</sup>Greg Inglis was born in Kempsey, New South Wales. <sup>6</sup>He has played with the Melbourne Storm, but now Inglis plays with the South Sydney Rabbitohs. <sup>7</sup>Greg Inglis is a much-loved rugby league player.



**Sentences** \_\_\_\_\_ **are facts because...**

**Sentences** \_\_\_\_\_ **are opinions because...**

**Check if the sentence is a fact or opinion.**

<b>1</b> A rugby league game has two teams.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
<b>2</b> Rugby league is the most exciting sport.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
<b>3</b> A rugby league game is played with an oval ball.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion
<b>4</b> Rugby league is not that fun to watch.	<input type="radio"/> Fact <input type="radio"/> Opinion