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## **Introductory Message**

This Self-Learning Module (SLM) is prepared so that you, our dear learners, can continue your studies and learn while at home. Activities, questions, directions, exercises, and discussions are carefully stated for you to understand each lesson.

Each SLM is composed of different parts. Each part shall guide you step-by-step as you discover and understand the lesson prepared for you.

Pre-tests are provided to measure your prior knowledge on lessons in each SLM. This will tell you if you need to proceed on completing this module or if you need to ask your facilitator or your teacher's assistance for better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each module, you need to answer the post-test to self-check your learning. Answer keys are provided for each activity and test. We trust that you will be honest in using these.

In addition to the material in the main text, Notes to the Teacher are also provided to our facilitators and parents for strategies and reminders on how they can best help you on your home-based learning.

Please use this module with care. Do not put unnecessary marks on any part of this SLM. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises and tests. And read the instructions carefully before performing each task.

If you have any questions in using this SLM or any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator.

Thank you.



## ***What I Need to Know***

A fact is something that can be proven to exist or to be true while an opinion is a feeling, viewpoint, or a person's perception of a given item or event.

An evidence is a proof or fact, while an opinion is a personal belief. A fact can be proven, but opinions cannot. This is why most facts are supported by proof, whereas most opinions are supported by specific reasons.

In this module, you will learn to:

- identify a fact and an opinion; and
- provide evidence to support opinion/fact.



## ***What I Know***

**Directions:** Copy and read each statement and then determine whether it is a fact or an opinion by encircling Fact or Opinion at the end of each statement. Do this on a separate sheet of paper.

1. The fastest land-dwelling creature is the cheetah. **Fact or Opinion**
2. Cellphones emit radiation that may or may not cause brain cancer. **Fact or Opinion**
3. There seems to be too much testing in public school. **Fact or Opinion**
4. A prison is one of the worst places in the planet. **Fact or Opinion**
5. It is wrong for people under the age of 21 to drink alcohol. **Fact or Opinion**
6. Oranges contain both calcium and vitamin C. **Fact or Opinion**
7. Diamonds are the hardest substance on Earth. **Fact or Opinion**
8. The price of gas has grown to become too expensive. **Fact or Opinion**
9. Chicken has more proteins than carrots. **Fact or Opinion**
10. Vegetarians are healthier than people who eat meat. **Fact or Opinion**

## Lesson

# 1

# Providing Evidence to Support Opinion/Fact



## *What's In*

**Directions:** Read the article about the Mayon Volcano and answer the questions that follow.

### **Mayon Park in UNESCO's Shortlist of World Heritage Sites**

The Mayon Volcano Natural Park (MVNP) in Legaspi City, Albay is now in the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

UNESCO published the listing of Mayon Park following the submission by the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO in March. The listing shortlists the volcano park for inscription by the World Heritage Committee in the next 5-10 years.

The UNESCO list cites Mayon Volcano Natural Park for its aesthetic value as a perfect cone-shaped volcano, and for its wildlife preservation which encompasses a large number of flora and fauna habitat types which are unique, diverse, and extremely important in the Philippines and in Asia.

The Mayon Volcano Natural Park (MVNP) covers a total area of 5,775.70 hectares, with six towns and three cities of Albay province within 10 to 19 kilometers of its crater.

Declared as a protected area in June 2000 by Presidential Proclamation No. 413, Mayon Park has since addressed and controlled and instituted protective measures against identified threats to the protected core area and buffer zone such as urbanization, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution, eruption, occasional forest fire and unsustainable harvesting of species and forest area management.

Mayon Volcano is known as the most active volcano in the Philippines and one of the most active volcanoes in the world which has a record of 51 eruptions in the last four centuries.

Despite or because of its volatility, Mayon Volcano is considered one of the most featured landforms in the country, earning countless published stories and photographs revealing its famed peak and grandeur in all weather conditions.

The next step being undertaken by the Philippines after the World Heritage Sites tentative listing is the submission of the nomination documents which are evaluated annually by the World Heritage Centre for inclusion in the official list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Albay Governor Joey Salceda leads the team working on the nomination documents that would serve as records to prove the efforts of the Mayon Park in supporting the wildlife conservation and protection.

Thus far, the Philippines already has six cultural and natural properties inscribed in the official list of World Heritage Sites namely, the Baroque Churches of the Philippines, Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras, Historic Town of Vigan, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, and Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary in the south-eastern part of Eastern Mindanao.

**Source:** Cabansag, Martha, "Mayon Park in UNESCO's Shortlist of World Heritage Sites", *Good News Pilipinas*, June 9, 2015, [www.goodnewspilipinas.com/category/good-travel](http://www.goodnewspilipinas.com/category/good-travel).

Questions:

1. What is the article about?
2. Who were involved?
3. How many cultural and natural properties of the Philippines are inscribed in the official list of World Heritage Sites? What are they?
4. Why do you think there is a need to preserve and protect the wildlife sanctuary of the animals?
5. In your opinion, did Governor Joey Salcedo and the team make a sound and right move in nominating MVNP? Why?

**Fact:** Mayon Volcano is an active volcano.

**Evidence:** Residents living in the communities around the volcano need to evacuate if there is an alert level from the PHIVOLCS.

**Opinion:** The province of Albay has many tourist attractions than any other destinations in the country.

**Evidence:** There are many other tourist spots and destinations around the country- other than Mayon Volcano.



## ***What's New***

You learned that a fact refers to a statement that can be observed, historical, and proven true. On the other hand, an opinion refers to one's feeling, thought, belief, or judgment that is not 100% true and cannot be proven.

However, when you state a fact or an opinion, you have to support such claim with evidence. This may include observations, experiences, or conclusions based on experiment or studies.

**Directions:** Read on to find out why the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras is considered to be a wonder of the world.

### **Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras – Outstanding Universal Value**

The Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras are an outstanding example of a developed, living cultural landscape. They can be traced as far as two millennia ago in the precolonial Philippines. They are found in the remote areas of the Philippines Cordillera mountain range on the northern island of Luzon, Philippine archipelago. These historic terraces cover an extensive area. The property consists of five clusters of the most intact and impressive terraces located in four municipalities. They are all products of the Ifugao ethnic group, a minority community that has lived on these mountains for thousands of years.

The five clusters are: (1) the Nagacadan terrace clusters in the municipality of Kiangan, in two distinctive rows of terraces divided by a river; (2) the Hungduan terrace cluster shaped like a spider web; (3) the central Mayoyao terrace cluster characterized by terraces in intervals with the traditional bale (houses) and alang (granaries); (4) the Bangaan terrace cluster in Banaue, the background of a typical Ifugao village; and (5) the Batad terrace cluster of Banaue that lies in semicircular terraces with a village at its base.

The Ifugao Rice Terraces are an ideal example of a living cultural landscape of beauty beyond compare.

The Ifugao Rice Terraces are valuable contributions of our ancestors to mankind. They were built 2, 000 years ago and passed on through generations and an example of an ancient civilization that overcame challenges passed by modernization.

Built on steeper slopes of high mountains and the careful carving of the natural shapes of the hills, the Ifugao Rice Terraces have complex irrigation systems. Water comes from the forests of the mountain tops.



The maintenance of the living rice terraces shows that the whole community works as one. It is based on the knowledge of the rich variety of biological resources which exist in the Ifugao agri-ecosystem.

**Source:** "Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras," UNESCO, accessed on 24 June 2015, <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/722>

### Think It Over

1. What are the five clusters of Rice Terraces in the Cordilleras?
2. What makes the Rice Terraces extraordinary?
3. Why do you think the Ifugao built the Rice Terraces?
4. How do the Rice Terraces reflect the culture of the Ifugao?
5. Why do you think the article is entitled "Outstanding Universal Value"?
6. From the given article, point out the sentences that are fact or opinion and support your answer.



## ***What Is It***

**Directions:** Copy and read each statement and then determine whether it is a fact or opinion by placing your answer on the given space. Afterwards, justify or support your answer. Do this on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Eating fast food is not bad if you only eat it once a week.  
Fact \_\_\_\_\_  
Opinion \_\_\_\_\_  
Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Chicken sandwiches are more expensive than double cheeseburgers.  
Fact \_\_\_\_\_  
Opinion \_\_\_\_\_  
Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Skateboarding on public property is against the law.  
Fact \_\_\_\_\_  
Opinion \_\_\_\_\_  
Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Copying homework or assignments is wrong.

Fact \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sometimes curly hair looks better than straight hair.

Fact \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_



## ***What's More***

**Directions:** Read the text and answer the questions that follow. Do this on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Magsaysay was elected President of the Philippines in 1953. He became a well-loved and trusted President because he championed the Filipinos. If he were alive today, he could have done a lot of good to Filipinos.

What does the author think about Magsaysay?

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What facts did he mention in the paragraph?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. In 1639, the Chinese began a rebellion in the Philippines, but it was crushed by Spanish-Filipino troops. This could have been prevented if only the Filipinos were a little friendly to the Chinese.

What fact is noted in the paragraph?

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What was the writer's opinion about the Chinese rebellion?

\_\_\_\_\_



## ***What I Have Learned***

### **Providing Evidence to Support Opinion/Fact**

**A fact** is an event or situation known to have happened. It came from the Latin word *factum* meaning something done. It also means that it has existed and the truth was verified by observation, experience, or experiment.

**An opinion** is a judgment or estimation of what seems to be true. It comes from the Latin word *opinion* which means to believe. An opinion is not founded on certainty of proof and it varies from person to person. Sometimes it is influenced by popular feeling.

However, when you state a fact or an opinion, you have to support such claim with evidence which may include observations, experiences, or conclusions based on experiment or studies.



## ***What I Can Do***

### **Activity 1**

**Directions:** Recall the selection “Rice Terraces of the Philippines Cordilleras – Outstanding Universal Value.” Based on the information that you have learned from the selection, identify the paragraph that provides evidence as to why the Rice Terraces was proclaimed by the UNESCO as a world heritage site, making it a world-renowned tourist destination.

## Activity 2

**Directions:** The first sentence is the writer’s opinion about a certain group of people. Look for sentences that support this opinion from the rest of the paragraph and write these in a separate sheet of paper.

### **The Warays Always Wear a Smile**

(J. Tapil)

(1) The Warays are the happiest people I know. (2) Their local language, known as “waray-waray,” which literally means “unworried and untroubled”, shows their “come what may” view about life. (3) They often fail in many things, but they always get back on their feet, ready to try again. (4) When calamities strike and great loss takes place such as the one brought by Typhoon Yolanda, they experience a great suffering, but they soon recover and smile again. (5) Despite not having enough for their own table, they are always ready to treat their guests and friends to some good food and fine wine during celebrations where they enjoy talking, singing, and dancing like there is no tomorrow. (6) Many of them may still be living in small huts where the living room, bedroom, and kitchen are exactly in the same spot, but you will always see them wearing a smile and a positive attitude each time they talk. (7) Some of them may appear tired of work, yet they keep coming back to enjoy their friend’s company. (8) The Warays may not be the richest nor the most talented people, but I am certain that they are the happiest beings on earth because they always wear a smile each time you need to see one.



## **Assessment**

**Directions:** Identify whether the statement is a Fact or an Opinion. Then support the statement by providing evidence or proof to the fact or opinion. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. I believe that the president of the country is doing his best to unite the people.
2. The president will serve the country for six years.
3. It is better to watch a movie than to listen to music.
4. Boracay is the best place to spend your summer vacation.
5. Star apple is a tree.



## ***Additional Activities***

**Directions:** Identify whether the statements are Fact or Opinion. Write it in your notebook. Then explain your answer. Do this on a separate sheet of paper.

1. There are active volcanoes under the sea.
2. Men make major decisions in the family.
3. The Philippines is an archipelago.
4. Women want girls for their first-born child.
5. A dolphin is always playful.



## Answer Key

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Additional Activities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fact</li> <li>2. Opinion</li> <li>3. Fact</li> <li>4. Opinion</li> <li>5. Opinion</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assessment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opinion</li> <li>2. Fact</li> <li>3. Opinion</li> <li>4. Opinion</li> <li>5. Fact</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What I Can Do</b></p> <p>Activity 1</p> <p>Paragraph 4</p> <p>Activity 2</p> <p>Sentences 4-8.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What's More</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If he were alive today, he could have done a lot of good to Filipinos.</li> <li>2. Magaysay was elected President of the Philippines in 1953.</li> <li>1. Chinese began a rebellion in the Philippines but it was crushed by Spanish-Filipino troops.</li> <li>2. Rebellion could have been prevented if only the Filipinos were little friendly to the Chinese.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What's New</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nagacadan, Hungduan, Mayoyao, Bataan, Batad</li> <li>2. It is a living cultural landscape of beauty beyond compare.</li> <li>3. Answer may vary</li> <li>4. Answer may vary</li> <li>5. Answer may vary</li> <li>6. Answer may vary</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What I Know</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fact</li> <li>2. Fact</li> <li>3. Opinion</li> <li>4. Opinion</li> <li>5. Opinion</li> <li>6. Fact</li> <li>7. Fact</li> <li>8. Opinion</li> <li>9. Fact</li> <li>10. Opinion</li> </ol>

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