

Fact and Opinion

How to Tell the Difference

Facts

Facts are statements that can be proven.

Facts may be true **or** false.

But facts can be **proven**.

Examples

1. Statistically, women live longer than men.
2. Most buses weigh more than most cars.
3. There are ten inches in a foot (false).

Opinions

Opinions are statements that cannot be proven.

Opinions can be argued.

Opinions may be supported with facts.

Opinions cannot be proven.

Examples

1. Golf is boring.
2. Pizza is delicious.
3. Math is the hardest subject.

Fact or Opinion?

1. According to sales records, strawberry ice-cream is the worst selling of all flavors.
2. Therefore, we can conclude that strawberry is the least popular major ice-cream flavor.
3. This is because strawberry ice-cream does not taste as good as vanilla and chocolate.

Practice

1. Write down whether each example is fact or opinion.
2. Explain your answer.

1

It is not appropriate to watch funny cat videos during school.

2

There are fewer panda bears in the world than grizzly bears.

3

Drinking orange juice right after brushing your teeth tastes bad.

4

The Mountain Boys deserved to win the award for best new group.

5

Chicken that has not been properly prepared and cooked may cause salmonella.

6

Lying to your friends is wrong.

7

The computer was invented before the Internet.

8

Mario is one of the greatest video game characters of all time.

9

Chocolate milk tastes better than regular milk.

10

There are more days in a leap year than in a regular year.

Answers

1. Opinion
2. Fact
3. Opinion
4. Opinion
5. Fact
6. Opinion
7. Fact
8. Opinion
9. Opinion
10. Fact