

Fact or opinion quiz

Level A

1. War is always wrong.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
2. Many innocent people are killed in war.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
3. There is too much unemployment in Britain.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
4. Wild animals should not be kept in zoos.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
5. Teachers should be allowed to smack children if they misbehave.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
6. Royal weddings always attract a lot of interest.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
7. Cigarettes cause lung cancer.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
8. England is a nation of pet-lovers.
A) Fact
B) Opinion

Fact or opinion quiz

9. The Government organises a census of the whole population every ten years.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion

10. The census is a waste of time and energy.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion



Fact or opinion quiz

Level B

1. The quality of life has decreased in the last ten years.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
2. The written part of the driving test must be completed before the practical driving part.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
3. Access courses are designed to prepare students for higher education.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
4. Country living is the only way to live.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
5. If you live in London, you have to be able to use the underground.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
6. Local councillors should spend more time listening to residents and less time listening to each other.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
7. Local councillors are elected for a period of four years.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
8. Finding somewhere to live is a long and frustrating business.
A) Fact
B) Opinion



Fact or opinion quiz

9. There are 650 members of Parliament (MPs) in the UK House of Commons.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion

10. English professional football puts too much emphasis on money.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion



Fact or opinion quiz

Level C

1. According to the latest survey, families are purchasing more household items on credit.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
2. You can hear all the news you need to know from the BBC Radio 1 news team.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
3. The professor argues that the effect of carbon emissions on the surrounding environment will only get worse.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
4. The research team has discovered a new method for conducting this chemical analysis.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
5. The latest poll shows a marked increase in employee dissatisfaction.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
6. I think public opinion will change over time.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
7. This book is an enjoyable story of life in a small village.
A) Fact
B) Opinion
8. The use of computers at the college has increased and the stationery budget has doubled in the last few years.
A) Fact
B) Opinion



Fact or opinion quiz

9. Governments must invest more in the environment.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion

10. Nine out of ten who completed the survey answered the questions correctly.

- A) Fact
- B) Opinion



Fact or opinion quiz

Answers

Level A

1. War is always wrong.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Although some people think war is always wrong; others think that some wars are justified. So there is no way to prove this statement .

2. Many innocent people are killed in war.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. It can be proved by looking at newspapers and statistics.

3. There is too much unemployment in Britain.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Although many people would say there is too much unemployment, others might argue that it helps the economy. It cannot be proved.

4. Wild animals should not be kept in zoos.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people argue that wild animals should not be kept in zoos, but others say that it supports conservation. So it cannot be proved.

5. Teachers should be allowed to smack children if they misbehave.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people believe that teachers should be allowed to smack children if they misbehave, but others are against this.

6. Royal weddings always attract a lot of interest.



Fact or opinion quiz

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. Although it is hard to prove exactly how much interest royal weddings attract, we know a lot of people are interested, so this can be proved by looking at newspapers and viewing videos and blogs.

7. Cigarettes cause lung cancer.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. Smoking is the single biggest cause of cancer in the world, and accounts for one in four UK cancer deaths. The statistics can be found on a number of websites.

8. England is a nation of pet-lovers.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people love having pets but others dislike animals or are allergic to them.

9. The Government organises a census of the whole population every ten years.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. It can be proved by checking the Government website and looking at the figures.

10. The census is a waste of time and energy.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people might find the census a waste of time, but its findings are useful to other people.



Fact or opinion quiz

Level B

1. The quality of life has decreased in the last ten years.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Others might think differently. Quality of life is difficult to measure. What evidence would you use to prove this point? Could someone else prove it differently by using other evidence?

2. The written part of the driving test must be completed before the practical driving part.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact which can be checked by looking at the regulations on the Government website.

3. Access courses are designed to prepare students for higher education.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. It can be proved by looking at a college prospectus. The term 'access' means a way to get in. In this case it means a way to get in to higher education (university).

4. Country living is the only way to live.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people may love living in the country, but others may prefer living in the city.

5. If you live in London, you have to be able to use the underground.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. It is useful to be able to use the underground but there are other ways to travel about such as using the bus or cycling.

6. Local councillors should spend more time listening to residents and less time listening to each other.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people may believe the opposite-local councillors should spend more time listening to each other and less time listening to residents.



Fact or opinion quiz

7. Local councillors are elected for a period of four years.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. It can be checked by looking at the Government website where the rules for council elections are explained.

8. Finding somewhere to live is a long and frustrating business.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. It may be long and frustrating for some, but easy for others. Imagine if you fell in love with the first place you looked at and immediately decided to buy or rent it.

9. There are 650 members of Parliament (MPs) in the UK House of Commons

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. It can be checked by looking at the Parliament website or contacting your MP.

10. English professional football puts too much emphasis on money.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people believe there is too much emphasis on money but others would disagree.

Fact or opinion quiz

Level C

1. According to the latest survey, families are purchasing more household items on credit.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. A survey provides evidence to back up a fact. In this case the people who conducted the survey talked to a sample of people to find out this information. The answers to these questions have been counted and a statement made based on the re

2. You can hear all the news you need to know from the BBC Radio 1 news team .

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Some people will find that they don't need any more news beyond this, but others will want to gather information from newspapers and news websites as well.

3. The professor argues that the effect of carbon emissions on the surrounding environment will only get worse.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. The key word here is argues. It may sound like a fact, but it cannot be proved without further research. The professor is stating her belief.

4. The research team has discovered a new method for conducting this chemical analysis.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. The key word here is discovered. The statement can be backed up with evidence. The team has made a discovery which they can prove by demonstrating their new method.

5. The latest poll shows a marked increase in employee dissatisfaction.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. A poll provides evidence to back up a fact. The people conducting the poll asked a sample of employees if they were satisfied with their jobs. The answers to this and other similar questions have been counted and a statement made based on the responses.



Fact or opinion quiz

6. I think public opinion will change over time.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. This is one person's point of view. Public opinion may or may not change over time. We have to wait and see.

7. This book is an enjoyable story of life in a small village.

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. Another reader might not enjoy this book and would disagree with this statement.

8. The use of computers at the college has increased and the stationery budget has doubled in the last few years.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. The statement can be backed up with evidence. Invoices can be checked and yearly budgets can be reviewed.

9. Governments must invest more in the environment

The correct answer is: B. This is an opinion. It may be widely accepted, but it cannot be called a fact unless a poll or survey provides evidence to back up this statement.

10. Nine out of ten who completed the survey answered the questions correctly.

The correct answer is: A. This is a fact. This statement has been based on a series of questions (a questionnaire) answered by a number of people. The results of this questionnaire provide evidence to back up this fact.