

# **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

*The Family Guy* is not appropriate to watch 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

Justin Bieber deserved to win the Grammy  
for best new artist.

# 5

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

6

Cheating on your boyfriend or girlfriend is wrong.

7

The Xbox came out before the Wii.

8

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

9

Chocolate milk tastes better than regular milk.

# 10

Charter school students are scheduled to attend school more often than students who attend neighborhood schools.

# Answers

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