

Reading Test-Taking Strategies



Facts vs. Opinions

FACT: George Washington was the first president of the United States.

OPINION: George Washington was our country's best president.

A fact is something that is true. An opinion is based on someone's thoughts or feelings. Some test questions ask you to tell the difference between the two.



Here's how you do it.

- 1. Read the question and answer choices.
- 2. For each answer choice decide if it is true or if it is based on a person's feelings.
- **3.** To identify a FACT: Cross off answer choices that are based on feelings.
- **4.** To identify an OPINION: Cross off answer choices that are true, no matter who you ask.



Activity

Read the sentences below. Then decide whether each statement is a fact or an opinion. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1.	My uncle was on the evening news last week
2.	Lloyd's shoes are soaking wet
3.	Mia always wears nice clothes
4.	Javier had to go to the nurse's office today.
5.	Ms. Jacks is a very funny person
6.	It is too cold outside to ride my bike
7 .	Mom changed the flat tire on her car before dinner.

Facts vs. Opinions - Answers:

1. Fact S. Pact S. Opinion 4. Fact 5. Opinion 6. Opinion 7. Fact