# Library Fact Check

Read statements about libraries and decide what each one tells you.

**3.LF.25** "Identify statements in informational texts as facts or opinions. a. Use prior knowledge and/or details from the text to distinguish fact from opinion. b. Use information gathered from research to evaluate opinions."

NAME _____ DATE _____

**FACT**

A fact can be checked. You can use what you know or look for information to see if it is true.

A spider has eight legs.

**OPINION**

An opinion tells what someone thinks or prefers. Research can help you decide if you agree, but people may still think differently.

The beach is the most exciting place to visit.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each statement, then choose two item numbers and write how you knew where each belonged.

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|---|---|---|
| **1.** | Libraries lend books to readers. | FACT OPINION |
| **2.** | Reading at a library is more fun than reading at home. | FACT OPINION |
| **3.** | Every library should have a pet cat. | FACT OPINION |
| **4.** | A librarian can help people find books. | FACT OPINION |
| **5.** | Some libraries offer story times for children. | FACT OPINION |
| **6.** | The best library books are about animals. | FACT OPINION |
| **7.** | Many libraries have computers for visitors to use. | FACT OPINION |
| **8.** | Some libraries have quiet rooms for studying. | FACT OPINION |

## 2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

**ITEM #** _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new fact and one new opinion about libraries.

**FACT** _____

**OPINION** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Choose one opinion from Part 1. What information could you research to help decide if you agree, and where would you look?

**ANSWER KEY**

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## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Libraries lend books to readers. | **FACT** | Library lending can be checked. |
| 2 | Reading at a library is more fun than reading at home. | **OPINION** | What is more fun depends on the reader. |
| 3 | Every library should have a pet cat. | **OPINION** | Should expresses a belief about what libraries ought to do. |
| 4 | A librarian can help people find books. | **FACT** | This is a service that can be checked. |
| 5 | Some libraries offer story times for children. | **FACT** | Library event schedules can confirm this. |
| 6 | The best library books are about animals. | **OPINION** | Best expresses a personal preference. |
| 7 | Many libraries have computers for visitors to use. | **FACT** | Library services can be checked. |
| 8 | Some libraries have quiet rooms for studying. | **FACT** | The rooms can be confirmed by checking library information. |

## PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

## PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FACT**: Some libraries have elevators.
- **OPINION**: Libraries should host art classes.

**Challenge:** For item 3, I would research how many people are allergic to cats. I would look on a health website to help decide whether every library should have a pet cat.

For Part 2, a student might explain that item 5 can be checked on a library event schedule. For item 6, the word “best” shows a preference that other readers may not share.