Fact or View?

Sort statements from a research source.

5.LF.25 "Determine credibility and appropriateness of a research source by distinguishing between fact and the author's opinion in informational text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FACT

A fact is a true statement that evidence can confirm. When you research, look for a source that supports its facts.

A standard violin has four strings.

OPINION

An opinion tells what someone thinks, likes, or judges. It cannot be proved right for everyone.

I find jazz delightful.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or OPINION for each numbered statement.

1. A spider has eight legs. **FACT** **OPINION**

2. The Moon orbits Earth. **FACT** **OPINION**

3. Watching clouds is the best way to relax. **FACT** **OPINION**

4. A honeybee has six legs. **FACT** **OPINION**

5. Rainy days are more enjoyable than sunny days. **FACT** **OPINION**

6. Owls are the most amazing birds. **FACT** **OPINION**

7. Earth takes about 365 days to orbit the Sun. **FACT** **OPINION**

8. Adult frogs breathe with lungs. **FACT** **OPINION**

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two numbered statements and explain how you knew whether each was a fact or an opinion.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new fact and one new opinion about the same topic.

FACT _____

OPINION _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence mini source about one topic with one fact and one opinion. Label each sentence, then tell which one a researcher could check with evidence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A spider has eight legs.	**FACT**	A spider's number of legs can be confirmed.
2	The Moon orbits Earth.	**FACT**	The Moon's orbit can be confirmed with evidence.
3	Watching clouds is the best way to relax.	**OPINION**	Best expresses a personal judgment.
4	A honeybee has six legs.	**FACT**	A honeybee's number of legs can be confirmed.
5	Rainy days are more enjoyable than sunny days.	**OPINION**	Enjoyment is a personal preference.
6	Owls are the most amazing birds.	**OPINION**	Most amazing expresses a personal judgment.
7	Earth takes about 365 days to orbit the Sun.	**FACT**	The length of Earth's orbit can be measured.
8	Adult frogs breathe with lungs.	**FACT**	How adult frogs breathe can be confirmed.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick two numbered statements and explain how you knew whether each was a fact or an opinion. Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FACT**: A tennis ball is covered with felt.
- **OPINION**: I think tennis is the most exciting sport.

Challenge: FACT: An octopus has eight arms. OPINION: Octopuses are the coolest sea animals. A researcher could check the first sentence with evidence.

For PROVE IT, accept two numbered items with explanations tied to evidence or personal judgment. For example, item 2 can be checked using science sources, while item 6 expresses a judgment that people may disagree about.