

A fact is a true <u>statement</u>.

An opinion is what somebody thinks.

Look down the list and decide which of these sentences are facts (F) or opinions (O):

'Sunday' begins with the letter 's'.	X	
Wellington is the capital of New Zealand.	X	
Basketball is the best sport.		X
New Zealand is an island.	X	
Liam's hair looks better when it's short.		X
I'm the funniest in the class.		X



Give one example of a fact and one example of an opinion below.

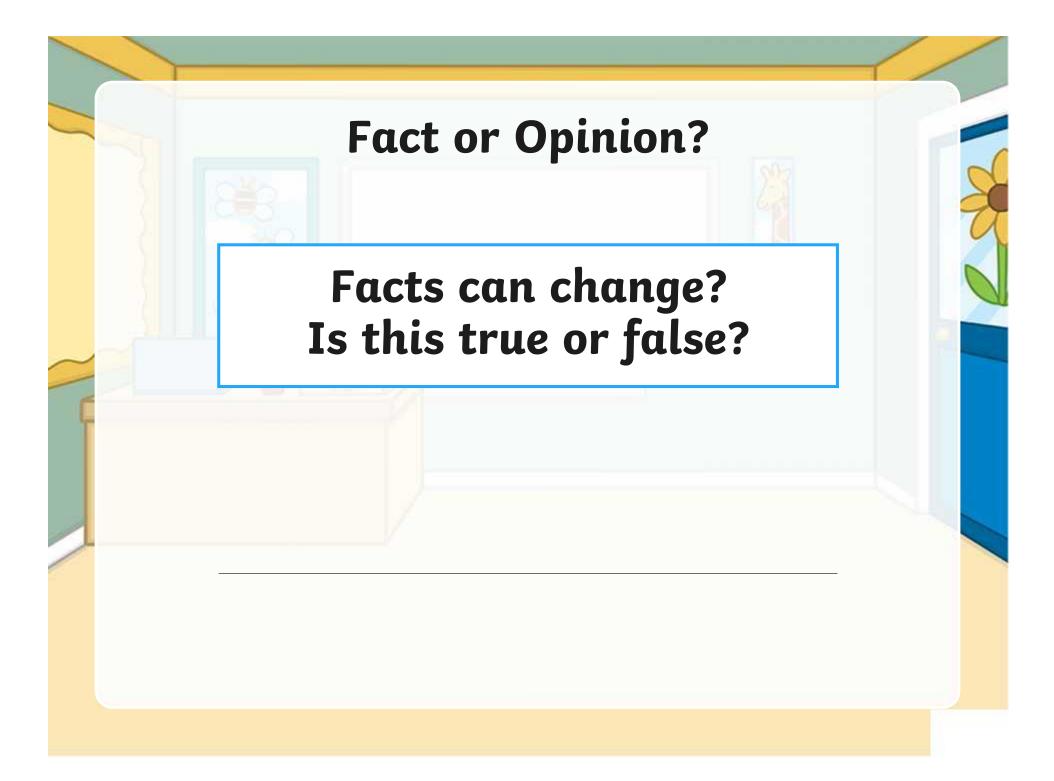
Opinion:

Fact:

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Here are some facts and opinions. Look at the three sentences in the group. Decide which are facts and which are opinions to find out which is the odd one out.

- a. The dog was so scary.
- b. Auckland is a city in New Zealand.
- c. It's nerve-racking going to school for the first time.



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These sentences have been scattered and blown in the wind. Sort them into facts (F) and opinions (O):

The currency in New Zealand is the dollar.

Everyone loves a barbeque.

If you wear a sun hat, your head won't get burnt.

All dogs bark loudly.

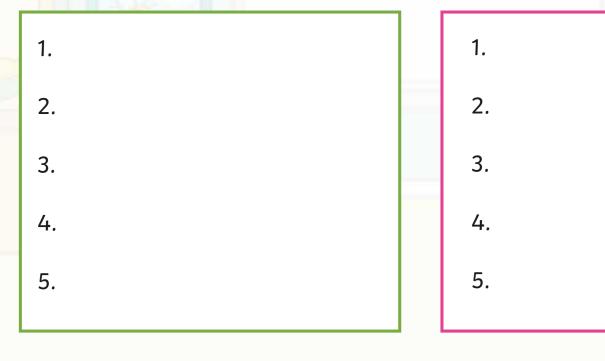
I am early.

The Union Jack flag has red, white and blue on it.

Vegetables are good for you.

The doctor cares for sick people.

Write five facts about New Zealand, then think of five opinions you might have heard about living here, e.g. the weather, travelling around, the beaches, places you could visit.



Read the text below. Look at each sentence one at a time. Decide whether the sentence has a fact in it or opinion. Lay out your work like this:

New Zealand is a great place to live. There are two islands; the North Island and the South Island. The climate is mostly temperate with warm, subtropical weather in the north and cool, temperate to cold alpine weather in the south. New Zealand is the best country in the world!

Pretend you are writing a letter to a pen pal who lives in another country. Write two or three sentences expressing your opinions about New Zealand.

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Look at these animal sentences. Look at each sentence one at a time. Decide which sentences are facts and which sentences are people's opinions (what they think).

Cats are cuter than dogs.

Kiwi are most active at night.

The tuatara is an endangered species.

Elephants eat grass and leaves.

Snakes do not make good pets.

Tui birds sing beautifully.

Chimpanzees can climb to the tops of trees.

