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Facts or Opinions?

- **A fact is a thing that is known or proved to be true.**
- **An opinion is a belief, judgment, or way of thinking about something.**

3 Read the text and write 4 facts and 4 opinions about it.

Traditions and customs are an integral part of everyday life in Switzerland.

Basel carnival.

Basel, Switzerland.

- The historic Battle of Laupen (canton of Bern) in 1339 was the first time a white cross was used to represent Switzerland. Swiss soldiers painted it on to their uniforms to distinguish them from their opponents on the battlefield.
- The "Swiss Psalm" has been the country's national anthem since 1961. Before then, it was Rufst du mein Vaterland (When you call us, Fatherland), sung to the same music as the British national anthem "God Save the Queen".
- In 2014, a competition was launched to find a new national anthem.
- In keeping with UNESCO conventions, Switzerland has drawn up an inventory of its living traditions. So far, there are 167 in all, including "Basler Fasnacht" (Basel carnival) and the "Fête des Vignerons" (winemakers' festival) in Vevey.
- The Swiss National Day is 1 August. On this day, Switzerland commemorates the Federal Charter signed by the 'Three Forest Cantons', Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden, in 1291.
- The Swiss Yodelling Festival is held every three years and attracts around 10,000 yodellers, flag-throwers and alphorn players.
- "Heidi", the 19th century children's book written by Johanna Spyri, has been translated into over 50 languages and been adapted for film many times.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

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1 Listen and read the sentences below and classify them into Facts or Opinions.

a. _____ My favorite British tradition is the Cheese Rolling!

b. _____ Thanksgiving is celebrated in the USA in November.

c. _____ New Year is celebrated in Bali with a 24 hour period of silence and meditation, known as "Nyepi".

d. _____ I don't think I could practice the "Nyepi" as Balinese people do.

e. _____ Lanna's Lantern Festival takes place on the full moon of the 12th Thai month.

f. _____ I think rice-paper lanterns in the sky are an amazing view.

Countries: Read the sentences below and write *fact* or *opinion* on the lines provided.

1. _____ The capital city of France is Paris.
2. _____ Spain became a part of the Roman Empire in 206 B.C.
3. _____ I would like to visit Italy.
4. _____ Brazil is named after a tree.
5. _____ Paper originated from China.
6. _____ The first sailing boats were built in Egypt.
7. _____ The Eiffel Tower is beautiful.
8. _____ Spain has the best climate.
9. _____ In 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning UK monarch.
10. _____ The people in New Zealand are very friendly.
11. _____ Rome is the most beautiful city in the world!
12. _____ Germany is located in central Europe.

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