Skill Building Activity

Fact and Opinion

As you read this story, think about what parts are fact and what parts are opinion.

It was almost Halloween, and Maria still hadn't thought of a costume. Her sister Louisa was going as a hot dog, and Maria thought that was the best idea ever. Louisa always took Maria trick-or-treating, and they always had costumes that went together. But this year, Louisa had been too busy with her friends to help Maria with a costume. Maria didn't know what to do.

Maria was looking in some magazines for costume ideas when her mom asked her to go with her to the grocery store. At the store, in the Halloween candy aisle, Maria saw a tall, pointed red hat that gave her a great idea. The hat only cost two dollars, so Maria's mom bought it for her. Maria skipped all the way to the car. She had a costume! She was going to be…KETCHUP

Identify whether the statements below is a fact or opinion. Write "fact" if it is true or it really happened in the story. Write "opinion" if it is what someone thinks or believes.

1. Maria thought Louisa's costume was great.
2. Louisa's costume was a hot dog.
3. Louisa had been too busy to help Maria.
4. Maria was happy about her costume idea.
5. The red hat cost two dollars.