Fact and opinion

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

If something is *true,* or it *really happened*, it is a **fact.**

If something is *what someone thinks or believes*, it is an **opinion.**

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

Benjamin Sees a Sloth

Benjamin's class was learning about unusual animals. Today they were going on a field trip to the zoo to see some of the animals they had learned about. Benjamin's favorite was the sloth. He had never seen one, but he had learned a lot about them, and seen pictures of them. They were so cute. They had big round eyes, and looked like they were wearing a mask. The sloths in all of the pictures looked like they were smiling.

Benjamin remembered a story he had read about sloths. The story said that many sloths live in the tropical forests in the South American country of Bolivia. Santa Cruz, a large city in Bolivia, has many large parks with old and beautiful trees. Years ago, many sloths lived in these trees. People liked to come to the parks and look for the sloths. Even though there were many sloths in the parks, they were hard to see. Their fur was as green as the leaves of the trees they lived in. Benjamin wished he could have visited one of those parks. He was sure he would have been able to spot the sloths, even if they were hard to see.

The story went on to say that there was a problem with the sloths in the parks. Even though sloths don't move very often, and are very, very slow when they do move, they do not like to be bothered. And if they are bothered, their long curved claws make very good weapons. Children in the parks, and even some adults, would poke at the sloths to try to get them to move. Some of these people got serious scratches and cuts from the sloths' sharp claws. The city decided to move the sloths out of the parks and back to the forests that were their natural home. Benjamin decided that had been a good idea. The sloths would be safer, and so would the people.

Benjamin class arrived at the zoo, and they finally came to the section where the sloths lived. The sign said there were two sloths. It was a large area, with many trees. Benjamin looked and looked, but he didn't see the sloths. He was very disappointed. Then his teacher said, "Look there!" and pointed. And there was one of the sloths, just ten feet away from Benjamin, a little higher than his head. And it was even cuter in person than it was in the pictures.

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Circle the word "fact" if it is *true* or it *really happened* in the story.
Circle the word "opinion" if it is *what someone thinks or believes*.

1.	Benjamin's favorite animal was the sloth.	fact	opinion
2.	Benjamin had seen lots of pictures of sloths.	fact	opinion
3.	Benjamin thought sloths were cute.	fact	opinion
4.	Benjamin thought the sloths in the pictures looked like they were smiling.	fact	opinion
5.	Santa Cruz is a large city in Bolivia.	fact	opinion
6.	Years ago, sloths lived in the parks in Santa Cruz.	fact	opinion
7.	Benjamin wished he could have seen the sloths in the city parks of Santa Cruz.	fact	opinion
8.	Sloths can use their long claws as weapons.	fact	opinion
9.	Sometimes people in the Santa Cruz parks would tease the sloths.	fact	opinion
10.	Benjamin decided that the Santa Cruz sloths would be safer in the forest.	fact	opinion
11.	There were two sloths in the zoo Benjamin visited.	fact	opinion
12.	Benjamin could not see the sloths at first.	fact	opinion
13.	Benjamin was disappointed when he could not see the sloths at first.	fact	opinion
14.	Benjamin's teacher pointed to one of the sloths in the zoo.	fact	opinion
15.	Benjamin thought the sloth at the zoo was even cuter than the sloths in the pictures.	fact	opinion

16. What is one other fact from the story about Benjamin?

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