Workshop: Identifying Facts and Opinions

Remember:

A FACT is something that is true and can be proven by doing research.

An OPINION is something you feel, think or believe about a particular topic.

1. Read each sentence and determine if it is a FACT or an OPINION.

- Sunday is the best day of the week. _____
- Valentine's day is celebrated on February 14th. _____
- The first day of school year is scary. _____
- Everyone should go and visit the new Gorilla habitat in the zoo. _____
- Canaries sing beautifully. _____
- A Giant Tortoise can live over 150 years. _____
- I really enjoyed the football game last weekend. _____
- Brazil is located in the continent of South America. _____
- I think Rock is the best type of music ever. _____
- Swimming is a water sport. _____
- Running is the best form of exercise. _____
- The train tickets cost $ 10 dollars each. _____

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2. Spaghetti FACTS and OPINIONS.

Determine if the following statements are FACTS or OPINIONS.

I ate three meatballs with my spaghetti dinner.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
My mother made salad to eat with our spaghetti dinner.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
We ought to have a spaghetti dinner every week.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
My father makes the most delicious spaghetti dinners in the world.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
Everyone should sprinkle cheese on top of their spaghetti.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
Dad uses Grandma's secret recipe to make spaghetti sauce.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
My family had spaghetti for dinner last Thursday.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐
Italian bread tastes best when it is dipped in spaghetti sauce.	Fact ☐	Opinion ☐

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3. Read the following passage.

A visit to the Zoo

Sandra went to the zoo with her parents on Saturday. It took them an hour to get there because there was a lot of traffic. Sandra had lots of fun looking at all of the animals. The polar bears were really cute. The lions looked ferocious and wild. She even had a chance to see a giraffe during feeding time. On the drive home, Sandra fell asleep because she was so tired.

Identify if the following statements can be described as FACTS or OPINIONS.

- Sandra went to the zoo with her parents. FACT OPINION
- The polar bears were cute. FACT OPINION
- She saw a giraffe during feeding time. FACT OPINION
- The lions looked ferocious and wild. FACT OPINION
- On the way home, Sandra fell asleep because she was too tired. FACT OPINION

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