

Fact and Opinion

- A statement that can be proved true or false is called a **statement of fact**.
- A statement that tells a person's thoughts, feelings, or ideas is called a **statement of opinion**. Statements of opinion cannot be proved true or false.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the graphic organizer below.

Rain forests make up only 7 percent of the land surface of our planet. However, some scientists say they think that they contain more than half of Earth's plant and animal species. A large percentage of rain forest animals are insects, and a large percentage of those

insects are beetles. Scientists are still not sure how many animal species exist on Earth because they have only been able to identify a small fraction of rain forest insects. One scientist said, "I believe that as many as thirty million kinds of insect live in the rain forests."

The graphic organizer consists of two main sections. The top section is titled "Statement of Fact" in a rounded rectangle. Three arrows point down from this title to three separate empty rounded rectangles, each labeled with a number: "1.", "2.", and "3.". The bottom section is titled "Statement of Opinion" in a rounded rectangle. Two arrows point down from this title to two separate empty rounded rectangles, each labeled with a number: "4." and "5.".

Statement of Fact

1.

2.

3.

Statement of Opinion

4.

5.