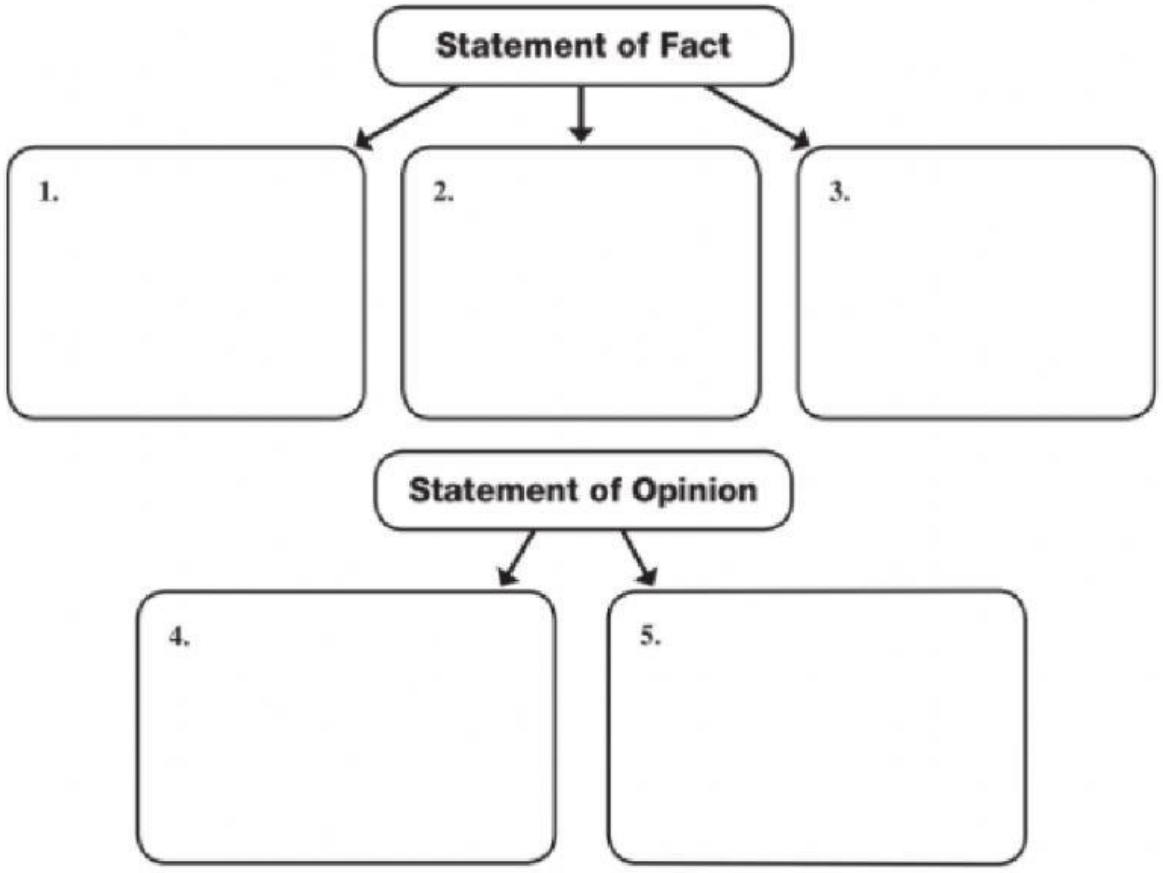
Fact and Opinion

- 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."



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