

Exercise 2

Read the information. Then read the statements. Do they give facts or the writer's opinions? Choose Fact or Opinion.

In the IELTS Reading test, it is important to distinguish between facts and opinions. A fact is something that can be proven to have happened or to exist. An opinion is a thought or belief about someone or something.

1. Considerable amounts of money were spent on improving the region's infrastructure.
 - Fact
 - Opinion

2. The minister's announcement attracted widespread criticism in the media.
 - Fact
 - Opinion

3. Little thought appears to have been given to the future use of the site.
 - Fact
 - Opinion

4. According to the latest government figures, life expectancy increased by 5 years in the first 15 years of the century.
 - Fact
 - Opinion

5. Millions of dollars were wasted on the project, and could and should have been spent in other ways.
 - Fact
 - Opinion

6. Arguably, it would be hard to function effectively in the modern world without a basic knowledge of maths.
 - Fact
 - Opinion