

- 6 **Distinguishing between fact and opinion** Which of the following statements from the article do you think are facts and which ones are opinions? Why? Write F in front of the facts and O in front of the opinions. Compare your answers with those of your classmates. Line numbers are given so you can examine the contexts.
1. Traditional Eastern cultures value the group more highly than the individual self. (lines 1–2)
 2. In the West, and other advanced societies, happiness is perceived as an individual pursuit, a reward for self-actualization. (lines 4–5)
 3. However, I don't believe the situation is as clear-cut as all that. (line 6)
 4. Western Washington University professor Dana Jack, who has conducted extensive research into the field of depression and gender, has discovered a surprising constant across cultures. (lines 7–9)
 5. Perhaps cultural differences are eroding and we all live in the same globalized village, filling out the same Facebook pages and Instagram messages. (lines 20–21)
 6. Or perhaps there has always been more consistency in the habits of happiness than we assumed. (lines 21–22)
 7. Even in the West, researchers have found that happiness is derived, first and foremost, from close, loving relationships. (lines 23–24)
 8. Yet being with others is not always easy or emotionally healing. (lines 26–27)