

# Opinion, Fact, or Untrue Statements

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B. Red apples are the best tasting.  
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Self checking cards for grades 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> with an option for digital use with Easel by TPT.



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These task cards were made to build the skill of distinguishing when a statement is an opinion, fact, or untruth. This is a critical skill for students to develop since they get bombarded everyday with information that is not always correct, although it is presented as the truth. It is especially pertinent when our students become voters. Students will also learn some interesting facts and myths they may not be aware of.

Students in the upper elementary to 8th grade levels will do best with these cards. They are primarily at a 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. A slide/page of terms is included in the packet for review before assigning the packet.

The packet consists of 10 pages of 3 inch by 3 inch cards for a total of 30 cards. There is a true statement, untrue statement, and opinion statement on each card for students to identify. After students read the sentences on one side and identify them, they can be flipped to see the corresponding answers.

To make flip cards, print the sheets on cardstock so they are durable. The cards are constructed side by side, front and back. Three statements are on the left side and their answers are on the right side. Cut the horizontal lines and leave the vertical lines intact. Fold on the vertical line and fold the right side under the left side. They can be laminated or glued shut.

The cards can be used for small independent group activities or they can be projected up on a screen for a class quiz activity. Student's can compete against each other to earn points for correct answers.

Cards can also be assigned using The TPT Easel Activity. This platform makes them available for digital and distant learning. It provides teachers and students multiple options such as blocking answers with text box. Students can write or type answers into that area. Unblocked sheets with the answers can be provided later.



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## Opinion

- Opinions are statements of individual belief, attitude, value, judgment, or feeling.
- Opinions often use judgement words such as very, best, worst, most, or greatest. Often the words, are all inclusive or exclusive which means you need to know additional information to make a judgement.
- Predictions often seem like facts but are opinions. Although they are often given by experts, they are not a fact until they happen.
- Statements that use ought to, could, and should, give advice and are an opinion even though the advice given may be based on a fact.

## Fact

It can be confirmed by evidence and scientific research. It is not debatable.

## Untrue/False/Fiction

Statements that can not be confirmed by evidence.

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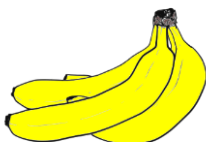
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- A. Fact: They will act strangely and leave their nests 5 to 7 days before an earthquake hits.
- B. Opinion: Statement based on feeling. Some people keep snakes as pets and not all of them are dangerous. .
- C. Untrue: They smell with their tongues.



2.

- A. Bananas are curved because the fruit grows upwards to collect rain.
- B. A banana is classified as a berry.
- C. Bananas only taste good with cereal.



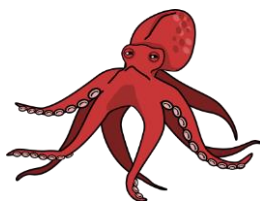
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- A. Untrue: They grow toward the sun.
- B. Fact: Berries contain seeds inside the fruit which is part of the classification for berry.
- C. Opinion: A statement based on individual taste.



3.

- A. An octopus is the coolest creatures of the sea.
- B. An octopus has one heart.
- C. Octopus can manipulate objects and play with them.



3.

- A. Opinion: Statement based on individual interest.
- B. Untrue: They have three hearts
- C. Fact: Octopus have demonstrated skills such as opening pill bottles and lids to escape a tank.



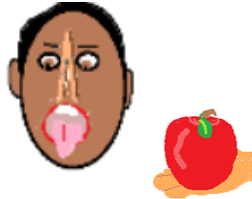
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4. A. Fact: Our sense of taste is a combination of our use of smell and taste.

B. Untrue: They are also found in other parts of the mouth such as the sides, roof, and soft palate.

C. Opinion based on an individual taste preference.

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5. A. Fact: Aztecs traded with the Mayans using cocoa beans for currency.

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C. Untrue: Chocolate is not sweet. A sweetener is added such as sugar to make it taste sweet. It naturally tastes bitter.

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6. A. Opinion: People enjoy a variety of sauces such as mustard and mayonnaise.

B. Untrue: Ketchup was first a savory sauce made from fish in the 1700s. Tomatoes were introduced in the 1800s.

C. Fact: The first evidence of a recipe was found in China and dated 544 AD

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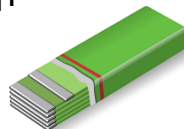
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