

Fact or opinion = 1

When reading it is important to understand the difference between facts and opinions and to work out which is which.

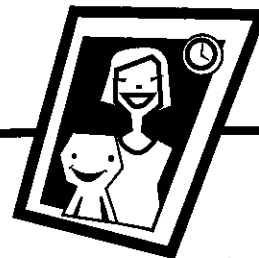
A fact is something that is true.

An opinion is something that someone THINKS is true.

Houses

1. A house is a building where people live.
2. Houses have a roof and walls. Roofs can be made of grass, wood, metal, tiles or other things. A tile roof looks the best.
3. Houses can be made of brick, grass, ice, timber or other material. Brick is the best material for building houses.
4. Houses have rooms to do different things in. Some houses have many rooms. Some have only a few rooms. A house with lots of rooms would be good for a big family.
5. Houses can be big or small. Small houses are easier to look after than big houses.
6. Some houses have a yard. My big backyard is good.
7. Houses like a castle or an igloo stay in one place. Houses like a caravan, boat or tent can be moved around. A house that moves would be fun to live in.
8. Houses can have a garage or a carport for cars. A house with a garage is better because you can lock it up.
9. People need houses to keep them safe from rain, wind, heat and cold.
10. I'm glad I've got my house to live in!





Practise working out facts and opinions. (Clues are given to help you.)

1. Which sentence is a fact?

- (a) Houses can be made of brick, grass, ice, timber or other material.
- (b) Houses look nice with a garden.
- (c) All houses should be made of grass.
- (d) All houses should be made of timber.

The best answer is .

Think

Which ones tell what someone THINKS and cannot be checked?

2. Which sentence is an opinion?

- (a) Bricks are made of clay.
- (b) Brick is the best material for building houses.
- (c) Houses can be made of brick.
- (d) Bricks can be used to build walls.

The best answer is .

Think

Find the ones which are facts first and can be checked. The one left should be an opinion!

3. Write 'fact' or 'opinion' for each sentence.

- (a) Houses have rooms to do different things in.

- (b) A house with lots of rooms would be good for a big family.

Think

Read each sentence carefully and think about it.



Work out these answers.

Which sentence is a fact?

- (a) Small houses are easier to look after than big houses.
- (b) Small houses are cute.
- (c) Houses can be big or small.
- (d) My big backyard is good.

The best answer is .

Which sentence is an opinion?

- (a) Houses like a castle or igloo stay in one place.
- (b) Houses like a caravan, boat or tent can be moved around.
- (c) A house is a building where people live.
- (d) A house that moves would be fun to live in.

The best answer is .

Write 'fact' or 'opinion' below each sentence.

- (a) Houses can have a garage or a carport for cars.

- (b) A house with a garage is better because you can lock it up.

- (c) People need houses to keep them safe from rain, wind, heat and cold.
