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Fact and Opinion

- A **statement of fact** can be proved true or false.
- A **statement of opinion** is what someone thinks or feels. Statements of opinion often contain words that make judgments, such as *interesting* or *beautiful*.
- A sentence might contain both a statement of fact and a statement of opinion.

Directions Read the following passage. Fill in the diagram below.

Choosing the right baseball mitt is the most important thing for any baseball player. I think a baseball mitt should fit your hand, position, and ability exactly. A catcher’s mitt has a thumb pocket and mitten, instead of fingers. A mitt is also called a glove. An infielder’s glove is

shorter and has five fingers. There are gloves designed for women, men, and children. There are closed-back and open-back gloves. I prefer the closed-back gloves. There are some beautiful gloves for sale in the athletic department.

Statement	Can it be proved true or false?	Fact? Opinion? Or both?
Choosing the right baseball mitt is the most important thing for any baseball player.	1.	2.
A catcher’s mitt has a thumb pocket and mitten, instead of fingers.	3.	4.
There are some beautiful gloves for sale in the athletic department.	The first part can’t be proved true, but the second part can.	5.

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Home Activity Your child read a short passage and identified whether statements were facts or opinions. Listen to a sportscast on the news and decide together whether the speaker uses facts and opinions in his or her report.