

Fact and Opinion

- A **fact** is something that can be proved true or false. Statements of fact can be proved by checking reference books, observing, measuring, and so on.
- An **opinion** tells a person's ideas or feelings. It cannot be proved true or false, but it can be supported or explained.

Directions: Reread "A Volunteer's Help." Then complete the table. Read each statement about Ellen's flood volunteer work, and answer the questions at the top of each column.

Statements	Does it state a fact or an opinion?	If an opinion, are there any clue words? If a fact, how could you try to prove it?
Ellen and her friends gathered 15 cartons of food and toys.	1.	2.
I felt really sad.	3.	4.
I thought there should be something we could do to help.	5.	6.
Lots of kids brought stuff in.	7.	8.
I felt good about it.	9.	10.



Notes for Home: Your child read a story and identified statements of fact and opinion. **Home Activity:** Read a movie or TV review with your child. Together, decide which statements are statements of fact and which are statements of opinion.

Name _____

A **fact** is something that you can prove to be true. An **opinion** is a personal belief or feeling. Opinions may include words such as *I think* or *I feel*. Stories may have a mixture of facts and opinions.

Read the story, and then look at the statements below.

My History Trip
by Alex Weber

I love to learn about history. My parents have taken me to some important historic sites. My parents are both teachers, and they have taught me a great deal about history. So far the trip I have enjoyed most was our visit to Wyoming. Wow, is that a beautiful state! Mom and Dad told me that Wyoming was the first state where women could vote. South Pass City is a ghost town today, but Mom and Dad said that it was once a gold mining center. They said that this town was very important in the history of voting rights. I can't wait to go on another history trip!

Review the definitions for *fact* and *opinion*. Based on the story, write **F** if the statement is a fact or **O** if it is an opinion.

- ___ 1. Alex doesn't love history as much as his parents.
- ___ 2. Alex's parents are teachers.
- ___ 3. Wyoming is a beautiful state.
- ___ 4. Today, South Pass City is a ghost town.
- ___ 5. The most important historic site is South Pass City.
- ___ 6. Wyoming was the first state that allowed women to vote.
- ___ 7. South Pass City was once a gold mining center.
- ___ 8. Wyoming is better than other places.

