

Grade 4 Literacy

When reading or listening to someone speak, it is important to know if whether the information presented is a fact or an opinion. A fact is a true statement that can only be proven to be incorrect by using strong evidence to the contrary. An opinion indicates how someone feels about an issue. Which one of these statements is a fact? “It is hot outside,” or “The thermometer says the temperature is 41°.” Answer: The thermometer says the temperature is 41°. (This temperature can be proven so it is a fact) “It is hot outside,” is an opinion because what may be hot to one person may not be hot to another.

State whether the following statements are fact or opinion.

1. That is a big dog. _____
2. Popcorn is tasty. _____
3. The gas gauge says my car is low on fuel. _____
4. Chocolate pudding tastes better than vanilla. _____
5. The price tags say that white cheese costs more than yellow. _____
6. My pencil is longer than yours. (Imagine the two pencils are side by side)

7. White milk has a lighter color than chocolate. _____
8. Girls are smarter than boys. _____
9. My measuring tape says I am 48 inches tall. _____
10. Rap music is relaxing. _____
11. Winter is colder in Canada than the summer. _____
12. Lizards are more beautiful than snakes. _____
13. Diamonds are harder than ice. _____
14. Country music is better than classical. _____
15. Canada is the second largest country in the world. _____