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PAPILUMO | 3rd Grade · Answer key

Fact or Opinion? Read & Prove

Circle FACT or OPINION for items 1 to 6, explain items 5 and 6, then underline the opinion and copy one fact about sea turtles.



Hi, I am Riko the Detective Fox! A FACT can be checked and proven true, while an OPINION tells what someone thinks or feels.

FACT = can be checked and proven

OPINION = tells thoughts or feelings

"Octopuses have three hearts."

FACT OPINION

Part 1: Circle FACT or OPINION for each statement, then explain items 5 and 6

1. Earth orbits around the Sun once every year. **FACT** OPINION

2. Winter is the most wonderful season of the year. FACT **OPINION**

3. Whales breathe air through a blowhole on top of their heads. **FACT** OPINION

4. Adventure books are much more exciting than science books. FACT **OPINION**

5. Chocolate ice cream tastes better than every other flavor. FACT **OPINION**

How do you know?

It says "tastes better", which is a personal preference, not a provable fact.

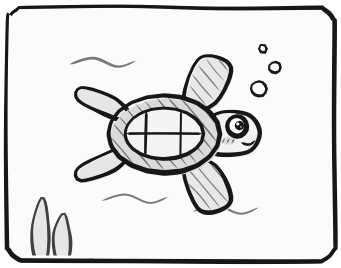
6. A triangle always has three straight sides and three angles. **FACT** OPINION

How do you know?

We can count the three straight sides and check the geometry definition.

Part 2: Read the sea-turtle text, underline the one OPINION sentence, and copy one FACT

Green sea turtles live in warm ocean waters around the world. They use their strong front flippers like paddles to swim long distances. **Watching a sea turtle glide underwater is the coolest sight in nature.** Female sea turtles return to sandy beaches to lay their eggs in nests.



Copy one FACT from the sea-turtle passage onto the lines below:

Green sea turtles live in warm ocean waters around the world.

Riko's tip: watch out for clue words like wonderful, exciting, better, or coolest—they almost always signal an opinion!