

Identifying Fact and Opinion



A **fact** is a statement that is true and can be proven. An **opinion** is a statement of belief. It tells what someone thinks or feels and can not always be proven true.

Part I. Read each statement below. Write an **F** next to statements that are facts, and an **O** next to statements that are opinions.

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| 1. Green is a beautiful color. <u> O </u> | 6. Math is the most difficult subject. <u> O </u> |
| 2. These bananas cost 19¢ per pound. <u> F </u> | 7. The Bears lost by 3 points. <u> F </u> |
| 3. Kiwis are a good source of vitamin C. <u> F </u> | 8. Orcas eat seals, sharks, and squid. <u> F </u> |
| 4. Pickles are gross. <u> O </u> | 9. Pizza is on the menu for lunch today. <u> F </u> |
| 5. You should kick the ball to Sam. <u> O </u> | 10. My team will definitely beat yours. <u> O </u> |

Part II. As you read the passage below, look for sentences or phrases that are examples of facts or opinions. Then, record three examples of each in the chart that follows.

This summer, my family decided to start raising chickens. Chickens make great pets because they are really cute. They are sociable animals, so they like to live in groups. A group of hens is called a brood. When hens are healthy, they will lay eggs during spring, summer, and fall. But, when there is less sunlight, like in the winter, they stop laying eggs. Freshly laid eggs are the most delicious thing you'll ever try!

Even though they are fun pets, chickens are sometimes gross. For example, chicken manure is very stinky. A lot of people use old chicken manure to fertilize their gardens because it has a lot of nitrogen in it, which is good for plants. Our chickens eat disgusting things, like bugs. But they also eat grains, seeds, fruits, and vegetables. We buy chicken feed for \$19.99 at the pet store near my house. If you don't have a pet at home, you should try raising chickens too.

Facts	Opinions
1. A group of hens is called a brood.	1. Chickens make great pets because they are really cute.
2. We buy chicken feed for \$19.99 at the pet store near my house.	2. Freshly laid eggs are the most delicious thing you'll ever try!
3. When hens are healthy, they will lay eggs during spring, summer, and fall.	3. Even though they are fun pets, chickens are sometimes gross.
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