

Fact or Opinion Sentences



¶ **A fact** is a statement that is true and can be proven. Usually facts are used in writing to **inform, or give information to**, the reader.

¶ **An opinion** is a statement of belief. It tells what someone thinks or feels and can not always be proven true. Usually opinions are used in writing to **persuade, or convince**, the reader.

Directions: Determine whether each sentence is a fact or an opinion. Write F for fact and O for opinion on the line provided next to each sentence. Circle the sentences the author would use to **persuade** a reader.

1. There are 340 different species or types of hummingbirds. _____
2. Hummingbirds have 1,000–1,500 feathers. _____
3. I think hummingbirds are the most beautiful birds in the world. _____
4. Hummingbirds cannot smell but can see very well. _____
5. Wild hummingbirds usually live for 3–12 years. _____
6. People should not keep hummingbirds as pets because they are wild animals. _____
7. Colombia has a type of hummingbird that is in danger of extinction, or dying off so there are no more of that type of hummingbird. _____
8. More scientists must educate people on how to protect these delicate birds. _____

Directions: Write one fact and one opinion sentence on the same topic. See the example in the first row.

Topic	Fact	Opinion
Bananas	Bananas have a lot of potassium.	I think bananas are delicious.
Homework		
Recess		
School lunch		