

Fact and opinion

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

If something is true or it really happened, it is a **fact**.

If something is what someone thinks or believes, it is an **opinion**.

Are these passages fact or opinion? Circle your answer and then explain your choice.

Passage #1:

The deepest part of the ocean is called the Mariana Trench. It is in the Pacific Ocean and is more than 36,000 feet deep. That's deeper than Mount Everest is tall! The water pressure at the bottom of the trench is so strong that most sea creatures can't survive there. Scientists are still exploring the trench to learn more about what lives in the deep sea.



Fact or **Opinion**? (Circle one)

How do you know?

Passage #2:

Did you know that bees help plants create food? When a bee visits a flower, it picks up pollen and carries it to another flower. This process, called pollination, helps fruits, vegetables and nuts grow. Without bees, foods like apples, almonds and blueberries would be harder to find. Scientists say that we must protect bees and their habitats.



Fact or **Opinion**? (Circle one)

How do you know?

Passage #3:

Winter clothes are too uncomfortable because they are big and bulky. They also take a long time to put on! Heavy jackets make it hard to move, and itchy sweaters are annoying. Gloves are supposed to keep your hands warm, but sometimes they just make it hard to grab things. Hats mess up your hair, and scarves keep getting in the way. Even though winter clothes keep you warm, they aren't always fun to wear!



Fact or **Opinion**? (Circle one)

How do you know?

Passage #4:

Skipping breakfast is a bad idea because it makes the whole day harder. Without food in the morning, I feel tired, grumpy and slow. It's hard to focus in school when your stomach is growling! Some people say they're not hungry in the morning, but that's just because they're not used to eating early. Oatmeal, yogurt, cereal, toast, eggs and pancakes are all examples of things that you could eat as your first meal of the day!



Fact or **Opinion**? (Circle one)

How do you know?

Answers

Passage #1: Fact

Passage #2: Fact

Passage #3: Opinion

Passage #4: Opinion

Students' reasoning for each will vary, but each answer should include specific details from the passage.