

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 Sun is a giant ball of hot gas in space. The Sun gives us light and heat. Without the Sun, plants wouldn't grow, and people wouldn't survive. The Sun is a star and it is the closest star to Earth. Even though it may look small, it is actually much bigger than our planet!



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

How do you know?

Passage #2:

Ice cream is the best dessert because it is cold, sweet and comes in so many flavors. You can eat it in a cone, a bowl or even on top of a warm brownie. Some people like cake or cookies better, but ice cream is more fun to eat. It melts in your mouth and tastes delicious on a hot day. I think everyone should have ice cream at least once a week!



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

How do you know?

Passage #3:

All birds have feathers. Feathers can help birds move, stay warm or blend into their surroundings. Feathers come in different shapes, colors and sizes, depending on the bird. Some birds, like penguins, have feathers but cannot fly. Instead, their feathers are designed to help them swim and stay warm in cold water. Feathers are an important part of what makes birds different from other animals.



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

How do you know?

Passage #4:

Swimming is the best way to spend a hot summer day. Jumping into cool water feels amazing when the sun is shining. Some people like playing outside or riding bikes, but nothing is better than splashing in a pool or at the beach. Swimming is also great exercise and helps people stay healthy. If I could, I would go swimming every single day in the summer!



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

How do you know?

Answers

Passage #1: Fact
Passage #2: Opinion
Passage #3: Fact
Passage #4: Opinion

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