

# Fact and opinion

## Grade 4 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**.

**As you read, think about what parts are fact and what parts are opinion.**

### The Insect Museum

Daniela's class had been learning about insects all month long. Today, they were going on a field trip to a museum to see a special exhibit all about bugs. Daniela was excited because she loved insects. She thought they were some of the most interesting creatures in the world. She couldn't wait to see unusual insects up close.

On the bus ride to the museum, Daniela sat with her friend, Olivia. Olivia wasn't as excited as Daniela. In fact, insects made her a little nervous! Daniela smiled and said, "They shouldn't make you scared. They're pretty amazing!"

When they got to the museum, it was even better than Daniela had hoped. First, she saw an exhibit of butterflies. Their wings had all the colors of the rainbow. She thought butterflies were the prettiest insects of all.

Next, she visited an exhibit about beetles. She was surprised that some of them looked a little scary! She wasn't so sure about the beetles with big, sharp horns. Then she read a sign that said that some beetles can lift objects that are more than 50 times their own weight. Daniela was impressed.

Her class then stopped at a tank filled with bugs called leaf insects. They looked just like green leaves! If you looked quickly, you wouldn't be able to see the insects in the tank. They were camouflaged that well! Daniela had to look carefully to find them.



At the very end of the visit, Daniela's teacher took them to an exhibit with a praying mantis inside. The exhibit explained that praying mantises are also very good at blending in with their surroundings. They can look like leaves, as well as sticks and branches. Some even molt (or lose) their skin to change colors and blend in even better. Daniela had never seen a praying mantis before, and she thought it was the most interesting insect that she saw that day!

On the bus ride home, Daniela and Olivia sat together again. Daniela was happy when Olivia told her that she actually liked the museum! "Maybe insects aren't so bad, after all," she said.

Circle the word “**fact**” if it is true or it really happened in the story.  
 Circle the word “**opinion**” if it is what someone thinks or believes.

1. Daniela's class went on a field trip to a museum to see insects.	fact	opinion
2. Daniela loved insects.	fact	opinion
3. Insects are some of the most interesting creatures in the world.	fact	opinion
4. Olivia was nervous about insects.	fact	opinion
5. People shouldn't be scared of insects.	fact	opinion
6. Butterflies are the prettiest insects.	fact	opinion
7. Some beetles have big, sharp horns.	fact	opinion
8. Some beetles can lift objects more than 50 times their own weight.	fact	opinion
9. It is impressive how strong beetles are.	fact	opinion
10. Leaf insects look like green leaves.	fact	opinion
11. Daniela had to look carefully to find the leaf insects.	fact	opinion
12. Praying mantises can blend in with leaves, sticks and branches.	fact	opinion
13. Some praying mantises molt (or lose) their skin to change colors.	fact	opinion
14. The praying mantis was the most interesting insect at the museum.	fact	opinion
15. Olivia said maybe insects aren't so bad after all.	fact	opinion

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*Answers will vary.*