



Fact and opinion

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

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

If something is *what someone thinks or believes*, it is an **opinion**.  
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As you read Marco's letter from Uncle Ben, think about what parts are **fact** and what parts are **opinion**.

Marco got a letter from his Uncle Ben, the airplane pilot. Uncle Ben has traveled all over the world.

Dear Marco,

This is my third time visiting Paris, and I think it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Paris, as I'm sure you know, is the capital of France. Today I walked along the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, which is the most famous street in Paris. I think it may be the most famous street in the world. It is lined with beautiful trees, fountains, and flowers. There are shops, theaters, and restaurants, and many sidewalk cafes.

I had a wonderful lunch at one of the sidewalk cafes. The pastry I had for dessert was especially delicious. Paris is known for its fine French cooking. I noticed on the café menu that they serve one of the most popular French dishes, which is escargot. Snails, in other words! I don't think I'll be trying that while I am here, though.

When you think of Paris, you probably think of the Eiffel Tower. Anyone visiting Paris has to see the Eiffel Tower. You can see the top of the Eiffel Tower from anywhere in the city. It is almost 1000 feet tall. When it was built, it was the tallest building in the world. You can walk up the stairs to the top, or you can take an elevator. From the top you can look out across all of Paris. It is an amazing sight!

Tomorrow I am going to the Louvre Museum. It is one of the largest museums in the world. Once it was the French King's palace. Now, it is home to some of the most famous artworks in the world. I look forward to seeing the "Mona Lisa" painting. Have you seen pictures of it? It was painted over 500 years ago! There have been many poems and songs written about this painting. The woman in the painting has a little half-smile. To me, that makes it seem like she has a secret that she isn't going to tell.

Yours truly,
Uncle Ben

Here are some things Uncle Ben said in his letter. Which ones are **facts** and which are Uncle Ben's **opinions**? Circle the word "fact" or the word "opinion."

1. This is Uncle Ben's third time visiting Paris. fact opinion
2. Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. fact opinion
3. Paris is the capital city of France. fact opinion
4. The Avenue des Champs-Elysees may be the most famous street in the world. fact opinion
5. On the Champs-Elysees, there are shops, theaters, and restaurants. fact opinion
6. Uncle Ben had lunch at a sidewalk café. fact opinion
7. The pastry that Uncle Ben had for dessert was especially delicious. fact opinion
8. Uncle Ben doesn't think he will try the escargot. fact opinion
9. When people think of Paris, they probably think of the Eiffel Tower. fact opinion
10. Anyone visiting Paris has to see the Eiffel Tower. fact opinion
11. When the Eiffel Tower was built, it was the tallest building in the world. fact opinion
12. The view from the top of the Eiffel Tower is an amazing sight. fact opinion
13. The Louvre Museum was once the French King's palace. fact opinion
14. The Mona Lisa was painted over 500 years ago. fact opinion
15. Many poems and songs have been written about the Mona Lisa. fact opinion
16. ~~~~~
What is one other **fact** from Uncle Ben's letter about Paris?

Answer Key

1. fact
2. opinion
3. fact
4. opinion
5. fact
6. fact
7. opinion
8. opinion
9. opinion
10. opinion
11. fact
12. opinion
13. fact
14. fact
15. fact
16. Accept any reasonable response.