

## Fact and opinion

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### 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,

London is a great city, but it usually takes me a day or two to get used to the cars driving on the "wrong" side of the road! In most places, cars drive on the right side of the road (not the left side), but in London, cars drive on the left side. Even the cars are made differently there, with the steering wheel on the right side, instead of the left side.

The first place I always visit is the huge park outside Buckingham Palace. This Palace is one of the Queen of England's two homes. At the front entrance of the Palace, there is a long row of Royal Guards. The Guards stand at attention in their bright red jackets and tall black helmets. The Guards don't look at anyone or talk to anyone. You can see that they take their job very seriously.

The "Changing of the Guard" is a world famous sight. At 11:30, the Guards who are coming *on* duty take the place of those who are going *off* duty. The exchange takes about 45 minutes. It is exciting to watch the Guards march in perfect step to the music of a military band.

On this trip, I visited one of the newest attractions in England's capital city. It is called the London Eye. It opened in the year 2000, and it is the fourth largest Ferris wheel in the world. Instead of the usual kind of Ferris wheel cart, you ride in a large glass pod, so that you can see out in all directions. It is a good idea to buy tickets ahead of time. I did, and the line I was in was a lot shorter than the line for people who still needed to buy tickets. The ride might be a little scary at first, because the Eye is so huge, and goes up so high. It goes very slowly, though. The views of the city from the London Eye are worth the wait, even if there is a long line.

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."

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| 1. London is a great city.  | fact | opinion |
| 2. In London, cars travel on the wrong side of the road.  | fact | opinion |
| 3. In London, cars travel on the left side of the road.   | fact | opinion |
| 4. You would never get tired of visiting the park outside Buckingham Palace.                            | fact | opinion |
| 5. Buckingham Palace is one of the Queen of England's two homes.  | fact | opinion |
| 6. The Royal Guards stand outside the front entrance of Buckingham Palace.                              | fact | opinion |
| 7. You can see that the Royal Guards take their job very seriously.                                     | fact | opinion |
| 8. The Royal Guards wear bright red jackets and tall black helmets.                                     | fact | opinion |
| 9. The "Changing of the Guard" takes about 45 minutes.  | fact | opinion |
| 10. During the Changing of the Guard, the Guards march in perfect step to the music of a military band. | fact | opinion |
| 11. It is exciting to watch the Changing of the Guard.  | fact | opinion |
| 12. London Eye is one of London's newest attractions.   | fact | opinion |
| 13. The London Eye is the fourth largest Ferris wheel in the world                                      | fact | opinion |
| 14. You ride the London Eye in a large glass pod, and can see out in all directions.                    | fact | opinion |
| 15. The views of the city from the Eye are worth the wait.  | fact | opinion |

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16. What is one other **fact** from Uncle Ben's letter about London?

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## Answer Key

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