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**Fact and Opinion: How to Tell the Difference**

Power Point Presentation

**Directions**: As you view the presentation and listen to the brief lecture, complete the assisted note-taking guide below.

\**This presentation is also available on*: [www.mrsguillory.weebly.com](http://www.mrsguillory.weebly.com) > Curriculum Units & Resources > Writing Workshop: Persuasive/Argumentative Writing

I. Facts

* Definition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Example*: According to Tom Perls, an aging expert at Boston University, “…women live five to 10 years longer than men.”

Introduced the quote by citing the expert who conducted the study Gave info that shows why he’s an expert in this field of study

II. Opinions

* Definition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* May be supported \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* CANNOT be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Example*: Math is the hardest subject. While it may be a widely held opinion, it is not necessarily true for all people, and there are no facts presented to support the opinion.

Applying Skills: Group Practice

Directions: Write F for fact or O for opinion. Then, circle the key words that indicate to you why it’s what you’ve chosen.

1. \_\_\_\_ According to sales records, strawberry ice cream is the worst selling of all flavors.

2. \_\_\_\_ Therefore, we can conclude that strawberry is the least popular major ice cream flavor.

3. \_\_\_\_ This is because strawberry ice cream does not taste as good as vanilla and chocolate.

Applying Skills: Individual Practice

Directions: Write F for fact or O for opinion. Then, briefly explain or justify your answer.

1. *\_\_\_\_The Family Guy* is not appropriate to watch during school.

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2. \_\_\_\_ There are fewer panda bears in the world than grizzly bears.

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3. \_\_\_\_ Drinking orange juice right after brushing your teeth tastes bad.

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4. \_\_\_\_ Hozier deserved to win the Grammy for best new artist.

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5. \_\_\_ Chicken that has not been properly prepared and cooked may cause salmonella.

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6. \_\_\_ Cheating on your boyfriend or girlfriend is wrong.

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7. \_\_\_ The Xbox came out before the Wii.

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8. \_\_\_ Super Mario is one of the greatest game characters of all time.

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9. \_\_\_ Chocolate milk tastes better than regular milk.

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10. \_\_\_ Statistically, smaller class sizes result in a better learning environment for all students.

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