

## FACT AND OPINION

### What is the Difference Between a Fact and an Opinion?

A fact can be proven. An opinion is the way that someone feels about a subject and it cannot be proven. Being able to tell the difference between a fact and an opinion will improve your reading comprehension.

#### Examples

**Fact:** Asia is the largest continent.

Checking an on-line or printed encyclopedia **can prove** this statement.

**Opinion:** Asia is the prettiest continent.

This statement **cannot be proven**. One person may agree that Asia is the prettiest continent.

**Fact:** John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic president.

Checking an on-line or printed encyclopedia **can prove** this statement.

**Opinion:** John F. Kennedy was the most handsome president.

This statement **cannot be proven**. One person may agree that John F. Kennedy was the most handsome president.

**Fact:** Jimmy Carter was the 39th president of the United States.

Checking an on-line or printed encyclopedia **can prove** this statement.

**Opinion:** Jimmy Carter was the most honest president.

This statement **cannot be proven**. One person may agree that Jimmy Carter was the most honest president.



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#### Try This!

Choose the correct answer.

1] Four times four equals sixteen.

- a] fact
- b] opinion

2] The school day lasts too long.

- a] fact
- b] opinion

3] Florida is a peninsula.

- a] fact
- b] opinion