Fact or Opinion

Third Grade | Reading, ESL | 65 minutes | Standards: W.3.1

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Being able to distinguish between fact and opinion is really important for young students. Help your third-graders understand the difference between them with this worksheet-enriched reading lesson.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to distinguish between facts and opinions.

Materials and Preparation

- Be a Detective: Fact or Opinion worksheet
- Facts and Opinions worksheet
- Fact or Opinion 1 worksheet
- Fact or Opinion 2 worksheet

Key Terms:

- fact
- opinion

Lesson

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Discuss the difference between fact and opinion with the students.
- Write two examples of each on the board.
- Make the examples challenging. For example, "Summer is awesome!" Many students may guess this is a fact, because they agree with the statement. Remind students that an opinion can't be proven.
- Explain that many facts are linked to history, geography, and science.
Explicit Instruction/Teacher Modeling (15 minutes)

- Distribute the Be a Detective: Fact or Opinion worksheet.
- Read aloud the two paragraphs.
- In the margins, have students write down clues that helped them figure out whether this was a fact or an opinion.
- Share aloud and write the answers on the whiteboard.

Guided Practice/Interactive Modeling (10 minutes)

- Give students the Facts and Opinions worksheet.
- Go over the sheet and give one or two answers as examples.
- Allow students to work in pairs.
- Go over the answers as a class.

Independent Working Time (15 minutes)

- Allow students time to work independently on the Fact or Opinion worksheets.

Extend

Differentiation

- **Enrichment**: Have advanced students underline how they knew that the example was a fact or an opinion. Have students write their own examples of the back of the sheet.
- **Support**: Pull aside struggling students, and work with them in a small group.
Review

Assessment (10 minutes)

- Bring all students back together.
- Go over the answers to the worksheets. Write down the correct answers on the whiteboard.

Review and Closing (5 minutes)

- Review the definitions of fact and opinion.