

Y5 Themes Fact Opinion

KS2 Y5 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Fact or opinion? 'The book has 300 pages and is the best adventure story ever written.'

Step 1 · Part 1

'The book has 300 pages': you can count them, so it is a fact

Step 2 · Part 2

'the best adventure story ever written': a judgement, so it is an opinion

Answer: It contains a fact (300 pages) and an opinion (the best adventure story ever written).

Check: One sentence can contain both.

2. Now try one with the steps

Find the theme of the Kofi and Lena story

Step 1 · What happens?

Step 2 · How does the main character change?

Step 3 · What is the big idea?

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Fact or opinion? 'The film was two hours long.'

2. Fact or opinion? 'That film was the best I've ever seen.'

3. Fact or opinion? 'London is the capital of England.'

4. Fact or opinion? 'Homework should be banned.'

5. Name two words that often signal an opinion.

6. What is a theme in a story?

7. Name a theme that might appear in a story about a character overcoming a fear.

8. What does it mean to summarise?

9. Write out the opinion in this sentence: 'The castle, built in 1070, is a magnificent sight.'

10. Write one fact and one opinion about your school.

11. Summarise in one sentence: 'Mia found a lost puppy in the rain. She carried it home and dried it. The next day she put up posters. That evening, its owner knocked on the door, overjoyed.'

12. Suggest a theme for the story about Mia and the puppy.

13. Why might an advert mix facts and opinions?

14. Why is it important to tell fact from opinion when reading non-fiction?

4. Before you hand it in

Treating a confident statement fact: 'Everyone agrees chocolate is the best.'

Ask: could this be checked and proved? If not, it's an opinion.

Thinking a fact must be true

Fact = checkable. Then check it!

Giving the plot theme: 'The theme is that Kofi trips.'

Ask what the story is really about: pride, respect, fairness.

Summaries that retell every detail

Pick out one main idea from each paragraph, then combine them.