Fact and opinion

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| **Fact**: An actual thing that exists and is provable, observable and measurable. | **Opinion**: A personal belief or judgement that is not based on proof or certainty. |
| There are 26 letters in the alphabet. | Young people are in gangs because they want to belong somewhere. |
| There are 12 months in a year. | The best thing about summer is the long days. |
| London is the capital of England. | You shouldn’t get married before you’re 30. |
| My car is a Ford Fiesta. | I think ghosts are real. |

**Beware of “facts” used in advertising**

8 out of 10 cats prefer Whiskas – have you ever asked a cat?

Guinness is good for you – says who?

**How do you work out if something is fact or opinion?**

**Look for signal words**

FACT OPINION

numbers think

statistics believe

verified good/bad

document should

eye witness best

prove most

record might

FACTS ARE CERTAINTIES OPINIONS ARE DISPUTABLE