

Wester Hailes – English Department  
S2 Home Learning Materials

Week beginning 1 February 2020

Please complete the tasks on paper/computer/tablet over the course of the next 2 school weeks.

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## Facts and Opinions

**What do we mean by facts and opinions?**

**You can prove a fact** e.g.

There are seven days in a week. TRUE

The earth orbits the sun. TRUE

Carrots are orange. TRUE

**An opinion is someone's view** about something. You cannot prove an **opinion** e.g.

Saturday is the best day of the week.

I think the sun is beautiful.

Carrots are delicious.

**Example**

Mark Zuckerberg is one of Facebook's creators and has made billions of dollars from this hugely popular social network. It is the best invention ever.

**Question**

Pick out two facts and an opinion about Facebook.

**Answer**

It was created by Mark Zuckerberg. **Fact**

It is a social network. **Fact**

It is the best invention ever. **Opinion**

## Activity 1

Write **F** if the statement is a fact and **O** if it is an opinion

**Example** Hibs is the best football team in Scotland. O

Ms Walker thinks Hibs is the best team in Scotland. F

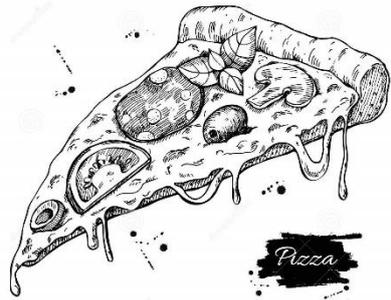
The Earth is 92,955,887.6 miles from the sun.

The Hunger Games is a novel by Suzanne Collins.

The Hunger Games is the best book ever.

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland

Pizza is delicious.



## Activity 2

Adverts often try to persuade us to buy products by stating opinions as if they were facts!

In the advert below underline the facts and circle the opinion.

iPhone 11

# Just the right amount of everything.

New dual-camera system. All-day battery.<sup>1</sup> The toughest glass in a smartphone. And Apple's fastest chip ever.

[Reserve in store](#) [Upgrade online](#)



## Activity 3



Write down three **facts** and three **opinions** about your phone.

### Facts

1

2

3

### Opinions

1

2

3

## Activity 4

Now design an advert for your favourite product.

It must include some **facts** and **opinions** and try to persuade the reader to buy the product.

### Activity 5

✓ Tick whether you think each sentence is a fact or an opinion:

	<b>Fact</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
The earth is round.		
The Link Schools are in Croydon Road.		
Coronation Street is a very good TV programme.		
Steve and Vera teach DT.		
School dinners are delicious.		
Wayne Rooney is the best football player in England.		
Tomas is taller than Jamie.		
John Steinbeck wrote <i>Of Mice and Men</i> .		

### Activity 6

Write:

- Two facts about school
- Two opinions of school
- Two facts about food
- Two opinions of food
- Two facts about a famous person
- Two opinions of a famous person

## Activity 7

- Read the passages below
- Underline the facts in red
- Underline the opinions in blue

This has to be the most exciting game of football that I have ever seen. David Beckham is easily the best player on the pitch. He has scored 5 goals so far this season. I think he'll score a lot more.

Tomorrow is an important day for the pop group BoysRUs. They release their third single tomorrow. Their last two singles went straight into the charts at number 1. The new single, however, is an awful mix of pop and rock music. It's not as good as their previous two hits. It certainly seems to me that BoysRUs should ask for their day jobs back at the toyshop.

Buy the new Superclean bathroom cleaner. It will leave your bathroom sparkling clean! Superclean contains a mixture of soap and bleach which removes dirt and kills germs. You won't believe your eyes when you see what Superclean can do for you. Superclean costs £2.50 a bottle.

## Activity 8

### Do you know the difference between Facts and Opinions?

Statement	Fact	Opinion
Hear'say is a new pop group		
Hear'say are the best new band around.		
Their new single is fantastic!		
They were formed following national auditions for a TV programme		
The TV programme was called "Popstars".		
The band hid from the press in Norway.		
The programme "Popstars" was on ITV.		
"Popstars" is the best entertainment on TV.		
ITV is the best TV channel.		
Radio is better than TV.		
Hear'say has five members.		
Their album is rubbish.		
Hear'say are the best band in the world.		
The band members' names are: Suzanne, Danny, Noel, Myleene and Kym.		
The best singer in the band is Kym.		
The worst singer in the band is Danny.		
Myleene likes playing the piano.		
Noel is from Wales.		

Activity 9

Can you give facts and opinions?

Write down two **facts** about a film.

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2. ....  
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Write down two **opinions** about a film.

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2. ....  
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Write down two **facts** about school.

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Write down two **opinions** about school.

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2. ....  
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Write down two **facts** about food.

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Write down two **opinions** about food.

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2. ....  
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Activity 10

**Read the following passage:**

I have got a new car. It is blue. I think it is fantastic! It goes very fast and makes me feel special. People will think that I'm really cool driving this car. I worked hard and saved up a lot of money to buy it.

Write down three facts about the car.

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2. ....  
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3. ....  
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Write down two of the owner's opinions about the car.

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