

Fact and opinion

Grade 5 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

As you read Marco's letter from Uncle Ben, think about what parts are **fact** and what parts are **opinion**.

If something is *true*, or it *really happened*, it is a **fact**.
If something is *what someone thinks or believes*, it is an **opinion**.

Marco got a letter from his Uncle Ben, the airplane pilot.

Dear Marco,

This is my third time visiting Paris, and I think it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Paris, as I'm sure you know, is the capital of France. Today I walked along the Avenue des Champs-Elysees, which is the most famous street in Paris. I think it may be the most famous street in the world. It is lined with beautiful trees, fountains, and flowers. There are shops, theaters, and restaurants, and many sidewalk cafes.

I had a wonderful lunch at one of the sidewalk cafes. The pastry I had for dessert was especially delicious. Paris is known for its fine French cooking. I noticed on the café menu that they serve one of the most popular French dishes, which is escargot. Snails, in other words! I don't think I'll be trying that while I am here, though.

When you think of Paris, you probably think of the Eiffel Tower. Anyone visiting Paris has to see the Eiffel Tower. You can see the top of the Eiffel Tower from anywhere in the city. It is almost 1000 feet tall. When it was built, it was the tallest building in the world. You can walk up the stairs to the top, or you can take an elevator. From the top you can look out across all of Paris. It is an amazing sight!

Tomorrow I am going to the Louvre Museum. It is one of the largest museums in the world. Once it was the French King's palace. Now, it is home to some of the most famous artworks in the world. I look forward to seeing the "Mona Lisa" painting. Have you seen pictures of it? It was painted over 500 years ago! There have been many poems and songs written about this painting. The woman in the painting has a little half-smile. To me, that makes it seem like she has a secret that she isn't going to tell.

Yours truly,

Uncle Ben



Here are some things Uncle Ben said in his letter. Which ones are **facts** and which are Uncle Ben's **opinions**? Circle the word "fact" or the word "opinion."

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| 1. This is Uncle Ben's third time visiting Paris. | fact | opinion |
| 2. Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. | fact | opinion |
| 3. Paris is the capital city of France. | fact | opinion |
| 4. The Avenue des Champs-Elysees may be the most famous street in the world. | fact | opinion |
| 5. On the Champs-Elysees, there are shops, theaters, and restaurants. | fact | opinion |
| 6. Uncle Ben had lunch at a sidewalk café. | fact | opinion |
| 7. The pastry that Uncle Ben had for dessert was especially delicious. | fact | opinion |
| 8. Uncle Ben doesn't think he will try the escargot. | fact | opinion |
| 9. When people think of Paris, they probably think of the Eiffel Tower. | fact | opinion |
| 10. Anyone visiting Paris has to see the Eiffel Tower. | fact | opinion |
| 11. When the Eiffel Tower was built, it was the tallest building in the world. | fact | opinion |
| 12. The view from the top of the Eiffel Tower is an amazing sight. | fact | opinion |
| 13. The Louvre Museum was once the French King's palace. | fact | opinion |
| 14. The Mona Lisa was painted over 500 years ago. | fact | opinion |
| 15. Many poems and songs have been written about the Mona Lisa. | fact | opinion |
| 16. What is one other fact from Uncle Ben's letter about Paris? | | |

Answers

1. fact
2. opinion
3. fact
4. opinion
5. fact
6. fact
7. opinion
8. opinion
9. opinion
10. opinion
11. fact
12. opinion
13. fact
14. fact
15. fact
16. Accept any reasonable response.