Fact and Opinion

Directions: Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Choose the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for the answer you have chosen.

Down with Cats!

Cats make terrible pets!

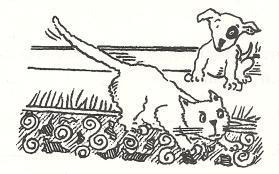
First of all, as everyone knows, cats are hunters. They are related to lions and tigers. Today's house cats hunt mice, birds, and lizards just the way big cats hunt bigger animals.

Some people think this is a good quality. But I definitely do not. I feel sorry for the mice that my brother's cat tries to catch. Of course, my brother's cat has never yet caught a single mouse. But someday I believe he might!

Finally, dogs are much nicer than cats. That is not just my opinion. It's a fact!

- 1. In the first sentence, the writer gives—
 - A. an order.
 - B. a question.
 - C. a statement of fact.
 - **D.** a statement of opinion.
- 2. Which clue word in this sentence signals that it is an opinion? "Some people think this is a good quality."
 - F. think
- H. some
- G. good
- J. is

- 3. A statement from the story that cannot be proved true or false is—
 - A. cats are hunters.
 - **B.** they are related to lions and tigers.
 - C. dogs are much nicer than cats.
 - **D.** house cats hunt mice, birds, and lizards.
- 4. The third paragraph includes—
 - **F.** only statements of fact.
 - **G.** statements of both fact and opinion.
 - H. only statements of opinion.
 - **J.** statements of fact that cannot be proved.
- **5.** Which is **not** a good way to prove that one of the facts is true or false?
 - A. Check an encyclopedia.
 - B. Check a book about animals.
 - C. Ask a friend.
 - D. Ask an animal expert.





Notes for Home: Your child identified statements of opinions and facts in a passage. *Home Activity:* Ask your child to explain the difference between opinion and fact. Then take turns making statements about a subject, such as the weather, and identifying it as opinion or fact.