

# Fact or Opinion

**Fact:** an actual thing that exists and is provable, observable, and measurable.

Look for Signal Words:

numbers	corroborate
statistics	record
verified	substantiate
document	prove
eyewitness	photographs

My mom's new car gets 35 miles per gallon in the city and 45 miles per gallon on the interstate.

Last night, we took a photograph to prove that raccoons have been raiding our garbage cans.

**Facts are certainties**

**Opinion:** a personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty.

Look for Signal Words:

good/bad	might
believe	should
think	guess
always	interpretation
never	point of view

My dad thinks we should get a compact car because we might get better gas mileage.

Although raccoons are cute, Mom believes they are a menace and should be taken to a wildlife sanctuary.

**Opinions are disputable**