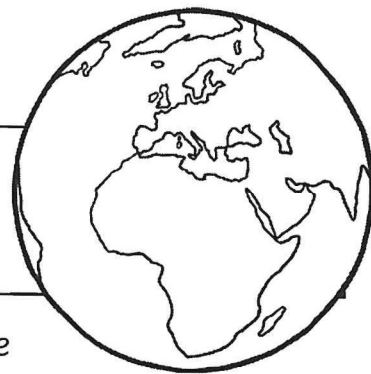


WRITING TASKS

Earth Day Fact or Opinion

Fact: Something that is true and can be proven

Opinion: How a person feels or what someone thinks



Read each statement. If the statement is a fact, place an F on the line. If the statement is an opinion, place an O on the line.

1. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd.
2. The Earth is a beautiful place.
3. The best way to take care of the Earth is to recycle.
4. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970.
5. Seventy percent of the Earth is covered in water.
6. Picking up litter is too disgusting.
7. Reduce means to use less of a resource.
8. Earth Day should be celebrated in March.
9. Pollution is the worst thing you can do to the Earth.
10. The 3 Rs are Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.



Fact or Opinion?

Activity 1

Are these sentences facts or opinions? Tick the appropriate box to show what you think.

	Fact	Opinion
1. That man has a beard.		
2. Red is the best colour.		
3. Apples taste better than pears.		
4. Peter can run faster than Paul.		
5. There's a frog in the pond.		
6. I don't want sausages for dinner.		
7. Chelsea will definitely win.		
8. I am the smartest kid in my class.		
9. He's better at art than maths.		
10. You shouldn't go swimming in the sea.		

Activity 2

These passages contain facts and opinions. Underline the parts you think are facts in one colour and the parts you think are opinions in another colour. Fill in the key below to indicate which colour is which.

1. Hate housework? You'll love the SuperSweep vacuum cleaner! With five interchangeable nozzles and three times the usual suction power there's nothing quite like it. Buy it today and receive a 1% discount! Miss out and you'll regret!
2. Thomas is the best runner in the class. James has won more races, but that's just because he's a fast runner. Thomas can run almost 15 kilometres! That's a really long way. I think the most exciting race was the one where Thomas overtook James right near the end.

Key

☐ fact ☐ opinion

3. The jungle is a very dangerous place to visit. There are lots of poisonous bugs in the jungle, not to mention tigers, snakes and more. You should never visit the jungle unless you have all the proper safety equipment. Mosquito nets can help keep you safe from mosquito bites. Rope is a helpful thing to take, too.

Fact or Opinion?

Activity 3

1. Write one fact and one opinion about a band or musician:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

2. Write one fact and one opinion about a food:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

3. Write one fact and one opinion about your classroom:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

4. Write one fact and one opinion about school:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

5. Write one fact and one opinion about a rabbit:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

6. Write one fact and one opinion about a pencil:

Fact: _____

Opinion: _____

Fact or Opinion?

Activity 4

Write a short newspaper article using this template. Make sure you include a mix of facts and opinions.

Newspaper name

Name _____

Date _____

Picture

Students should
decide which
subjects are taught
at school.

Which pet is
the best?

Weekends should
be three days long.

Screen time should
be limited to one
hour per day.

Sport is the best
hobby a child
could have.

Reading is the best
hobby a child
could have.

AFL is better
than rugby.

Every child should
play a team sport.

My Persuasive Prewriting Template

Introduction

Point of View/Argument: _____

Body

<p>Reason 1:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Reason 2:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Reason 3:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Conclusion

My Persuasive Prewriting Template

Introduction

Point of View/Argument: _____

Body

Reason 1: _____ _____ _____ _____	Reason 2: _____ _____ _____ _____	Reason 3: _____ _____ _____ _____
Evidence: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Evidence: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Conclusion

