

FACTS VS. OPINIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Show-and-Tell

Kim loved the zoo. She was going to go with her class at school. To prepare, they did a show-and-tell. Students stood in front of the class and shared what they knew about animals and zoos.

Cato volunteered to go first. “Elephants come from Asia and Africa,” she said. “They can suck water into their trunks. Then, they can blow the water into their mouths.” She held open an encyclopedia with a photograph of an elephant blowing water into its mouth. “An elephant’s trunk has 100,000 muscles in it.” Cato sat down, and everyone clapped. But Frank wasn’t clapping.

“All I know is that all elephants are ugly,” said Frank. “I think black bears are much cooler animals than elephants!”

“That’s what you think,” Cato said. “I just happen to think elephants are awesome.”

Then it was Frank’s turn. He walked to the front of the classroom. “There are eight kinds of bears in the world. Black bears can run as fast as 35 miles per hour!” said Frank.

Cato shook her head. Cato liked elephants more than bears. Kim wasn’t sure what animal was her favorite, but she did know what she would talk about in class.

Kim said, “My sister is a zoologist. That means she works at a zoo. Some zoologists like to work with one type of animal the best. Other zoologists care for many different animals.” She smiled and sat down.

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1. What is an opinion in this story?
 - a. There are eight kinds of bears.
 - b. Kim's sister is a zoologist.
 - c. All elephants are ugly.
 - d. Elephants use their trunks.

2. What is a fact in this story?
 - a. An elephant's trunk has 100,000 muscles.
 - b. Black bears are cooler than elephants.
 - c. Elephants from Asia and Africa are beautiful.
 - d. Visiting the zoo for school is fun.

3. What is another fact in the story? How do you know this is a fact?

4. What is another opinion in the story? How do you know this is an opinion?
