

What is a fact?

- A *fact* is a statement that can be proven true or false



What is a fact?

- To figure out if something is a fact, you need to ask yourself:
- *Can* I prove this?
- *How* would I prove this?



How would you prove this fact?



- **Good's Grocery Store has 15 aisles.**
- *Write down your idea.*

How would you prove this fact?



- **Good's Grocery Store has 15 aisles.**
- One way- you could prove it by going to the grocery store and counting the aisles.

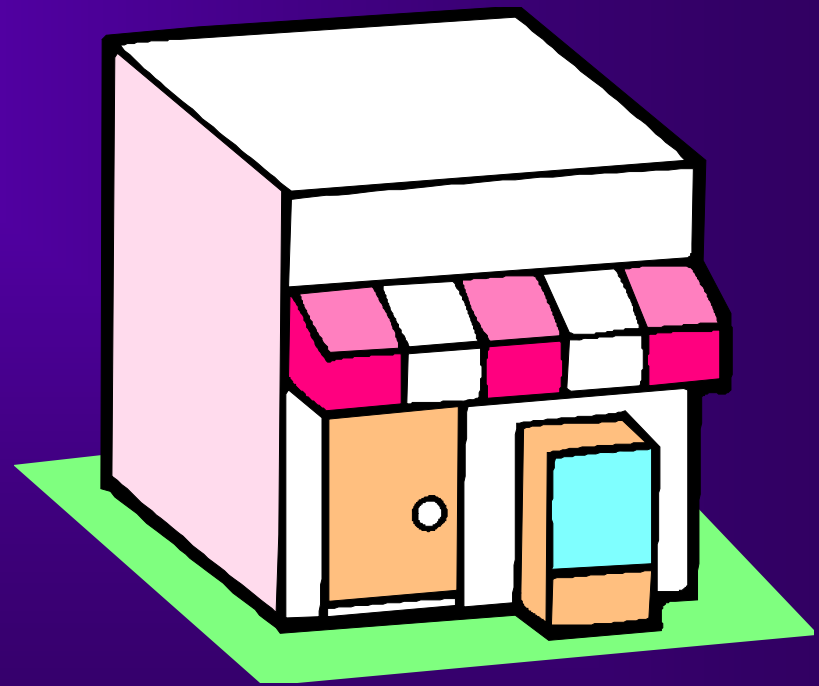
How would you prove this fact?

- **Good's Grocery Store is located on the corner of Green Street and Oak Street.**
- Write down your idea.



How would you prove this fact?

- **Good's Grocery Store is located on the corner of Green Street and Oak Street.**
- **One idea- you could go to the corner and check.**



What is an opinion?

- A fact is a statement that can be proven true or false.
- An opinion is what someone thinks or believes.



What is an opinion?

- *Here is an example of an opinion:*
- Good's Grocery Store has the best fruits and vegetables.



What is an opinion?



- We can't prove that Good's Grocery Store has the "best" fruits and vegetables.
- "Best" means different things to different people.
- This statement is an opinion.

Explain this opinion

- Can you find the opinion word that can't be proven?
- Good's Grocery Store is the nicest grocery store in LaLa Land.



Opinion words to watch for



- There are certain words that signal opinions
- These words include **always, best, most, many, a lot, usually,** and anything ending with “**-est**”

Figuring out Fact or Opinion



To decide if a statement is a fact or opinion, follow these steps:

1. Look for opinion words.
2. Decide if the statement can be proven true or false.
Figure out how you would prove it.
3. Choose “fact” or “opinion”

Fact or Opinion?

- *4 out of 5 shoppers say they prefer Good's Grocery Store.*
- **Think: Does this have any opinion words?**



Fact or Opinion?

- *4 out of 5 shoppers say they prefer Good's Grocery Store.*
- **Think: Does this have any opinion words?**
- **No, there are no opinion words**



Fact or Opinion?

- *4 out of 5 shoppers say they prefer Good's Grocery Store.*
- **Think:** Can the statement be proven true or false? How could we prove it?



Fact or Opinion?

- *4 out of 5 shoppers say they prefer Good's Grocery Store.*
- **We could prove this statement. We would have to take a survey of shoppers**



Fact or Opinion?

- *4 out of 5 shoppers say they prefer Good's Grocery Store.*
- This statement is a...
- **FACT!**



Fact or Opinion?



- *You can always find what you want at Good's Grocery Store.*
- **Think: Are there any opinion words?**
- **Kind of. "Always" often signals an opinion. "Always" means every single time, and that's tough to prove**

Fact or Opinion?



- *You can always find what you want at Good's Grocery Store.*
- **Think: Can this statement be proven?**
- **Not really. It would depend on who "you" refers to .**

Fact or Opinion?



- *You can always find what you want at Good's Grocery Store.*
- **This statement is an..**
- **OPINION!**

Let's speed it up!

- **Shopping at Good's Grocery Store is fun.**
- **OPINION.** "Fun" cannot be proven.
- **Good's Grocery Store has a seafood counter.**
- **FACT.** You can check to prove this.



What are you noticing?



- Which is more likely to include numbers—a fact, or an opinion?
- FACTS are more likely to include numbers, because numbers often can be proven.

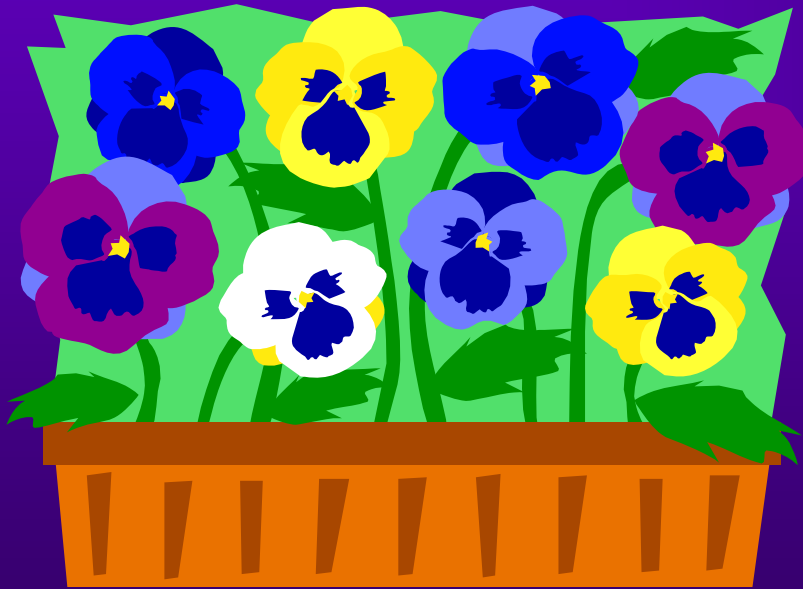
Let's review

**With your group:
Explain what a
fact is.**

**Explain what an
opinion is.**

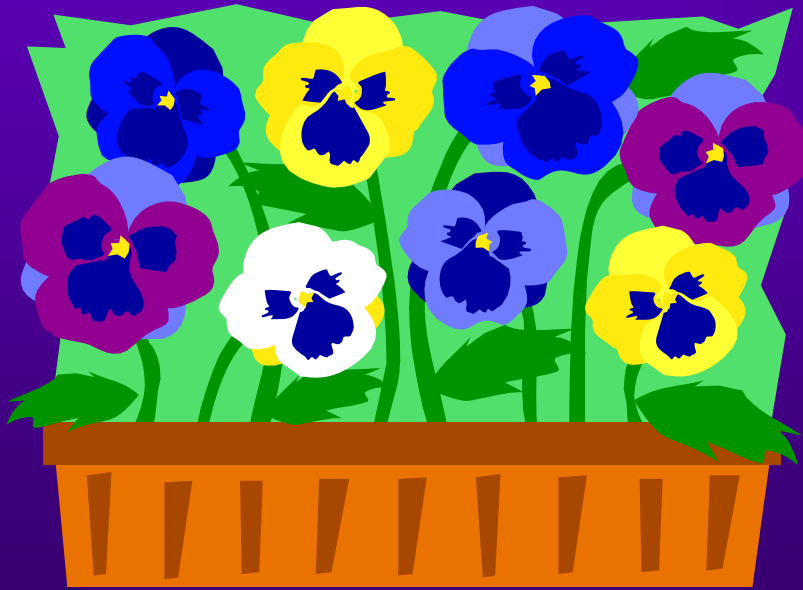


A tricky complication



- Question: Can a **fact** be false?
- Answer: Yes.

A tricky complication



- When we are thinking about facts and opinions, a statement that can be proven false is technically a fact

A false fact

- **Good's Grocery Store is located on the moon.**
- **Technically, this is a fact, because it can be proven false**



Keep thinking!



- **The parking lot at the grocery store has 472 spots.**
- **FACT.** You could go outside and count.
- **There are forty-five employees at Good's Grocery Store.**
- **FACT.** Once again, you could count.

Looking Back

- What have you learned about facts and opinions?
- What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?
- Are you tired of sentences about Good's Grocery Store?