Fact and Opinion

- A **statement of fact** can be proved true or false. A **statement of opinion** tells what someone thinks or feels.
- Statements of opinion often contain words that make judgments, such as *interesting* or *beautiful.*
- A single sentence might contain both a statement of fact and a statement of opinion.

Directions Read the following passage.

Dirty beaches are disgusting. I hate to see the shore of a lake, or ocean dotted with candy wrappers or soda bottles or other bits of garbage. Garbage on beaches is more than an eyesore, though. It also kills wildlife. Animals such as fish and turtles may try to eat drifting garbage they find in the water. If they do, they may choke. The plastic six-pack yokes from soda cans are dangerous to birds. Birds often become tangled in the plastic and die. To help keep beaches clean, volunteer on clean-up days. People who clean beaches help protect the environment and deserve the best places to sit when they visit the shore.

Directions Fill in the diagram below based on the passage.

Statement	Can it be proved true or false?	Fact? Opinion? Or both?
Dirty beaches are disgusting.	**1.**	**2.**
The plastic yokes from soda cans are dangerous to birds.	**3.**	**4.**
5.	The first part can be proved true or false, but not the second part.	contains both fact and opinion

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Home Activity Your child identified statements of fact and opinion in a nonfiction passage. Tell your child a series of statements about your family and have your child determine whether they are fact or opinion. For each fact, ask your child how the statements can be proved true or false.