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## 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. Then answer the questions below.

Some people prefer cats to dogs as house pets. Fans of cats say they are just as friendly as dogs and that they are equally loving. We know from studies that cats sleep a bit more than dogs; a majority of a cat's day is spent napping. We also know that cats are preferable in pet-therapy situations because they are smaller and easier to handle for elderly

or handicapped persons. For the past few years, polls have found that more people have cats as pets than dogs. But cats are hunters, and if let outside, a house cat will hunt birds, mice, and other small mammals. Some people say they are more frightened of cats than dogs. For some reason, they say, dogs seem friendlier.

1. What takes up most of a cat's day?

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2. Give one example of a statement of opinion found in the passage.

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3. How do you know that your example is a statement of opinion?

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4. Give one example of a statement of fact in the passage.

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5. On a separate sheet of paper, give your opinion of cats and dogs. Which would you prefer to have as a pet?



**Home Activity** Your child answered questions about facts and opinions based on a passage. Read a newspaper or magazine article with your child and discuss which parts are statements of fact and which ones are statements of opinion.