

Critical Reading: Distinguishing Fact vs. Opinion



Use the matching sheet ID when checking answers.

Read each statement below. Decide whether it is a FACT (can be proven true) or an OPINION (a personal belief or feeling).

1. Statement: 'The Pacific Ocean is the largest and deepest ocean on Earth.'

Answer: A. FACT (Can be verified with scientific measurements)

This can be scientifically measured and verified on maps and reference books, making it a FACT.

2. Statement: 'Autumn is the most beautiful season because the falling leaves are colorful.'

Answer: B. OPINION (Uses judgment words like 'most beautiful')

What looks 'most beautiful' is a personal aesthetic preference, which makes this an OPINION.

3. Statement: 'Honeybees communicate the location of flowers using a special waggle dance.'

Answer: A. FACT (Confirmed by entomologists and scientific study)

Scientific research confirms the bee waggle dance as a biological fact.

4. Statement: 'Vanilla ice cream tastes much better than chocolate ice cream.'

Answer: B. OPINION (Taste is a matter of personal preference)

Taste preferences cannot be proven universally true; it is an OPINION.