

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact and Opinion

---

- A statement of fact is a statement that can be proved true or false. You can check a statement of fact by looking in reference sources, asking an expert, or observing.
  - A statement of opinion is a person's beliefs or ideas about something. You cannot prove whether it is true or false.
- 

**Directions** Decide whether each sentence below is a statement of fact or opinion. Write your answer on the line.

1. The English Channel is about 350 miles long.

\_\_\_\_\_ **fact**

2. The English Channel is quite shallow.

\_\_\_\_\_ **fact**

3. There is always a chance that a swimmer could drown.

\_\_\_\_\_ **opinion**

4. In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of the United States became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

\_\_\_\_\_ **fact**

5. But if you have the stamina, the skill, and the desire for a challenge, you might consider swimming as an alternate way to cross the English Channel.

\_\_\_\_\_ **opinion**