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Fact and Opinion

When you read nonfiction, you may read some sentences that contain statements of **fact** and others that contain statements of **opinion**. Facts can be proved true or false. Opinions are statements of ideas and feelings. They cannot be proved.

Directions Read the following sentences about *The American Dream: Coming to the United States*. Write whether each one is a fact or an opinion, and explain why.

1. The population of the United States is a blend of people from many countries.

Fact. It can be proved.

2. Many people believe that immigration has made the United States a strong nation.

Opinion. A statement of belief, can't be proved

3. About one million people immigrate to the United States every year.

Fact. It can be proved.

4. In the United States they will earn more money to support their families.

Opinion. A statement of belief, can't be proved

5. Living conditions in their home countries are poor.

Fact. It can be proved.

Directions Read the following paragraph. Then write down two facts and two opinions on the lines below. Then change one of the opinions into a fact.

Some people come to the United States to give their children a better education. Maybe they could not pay to send their children to school in their native

countries. Or maybe the schools there were not good. In the United States, public schools promise a free and equal education for all children.

6. **FACT. Some people came to the U.S. for a better education.**

7. **FACT. In the U.S., public schools promise free education for all.**

8. **OPINION. Maybe their schools there were not good.**

9. **OPINION. Maybe they could not afford the school.**

10. **FACT. They could not afford to send their children to school.**