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Fact and Opinion

When you read nonfiction, you will 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. 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. Spike is the best name for a dog.

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

3. Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean names begin with the family name, or surname.

Fact. It can be proved.

4. The more buttons there are on a button blanket, the more power a person has.

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

5. Many American women take their husband's name when they marry.

Fact. It can be proved.

Directions Read the following paragraph. Then write three facts and two opinions on the lines below. **Possible reponses are given.**

Surnames and given names have exact meanings in different cultures. Margaret knew that her name means "pearl" in Greek. It's fun to learn about different

cultures. Joseph's name comes from a Hebrew name meaning "he will add." Joseph thought his parents should have named him Zach.

6. **Fact. Surnames have exact meanings in many different cultures.**

7. **Fact: Margaret knew her name means "pearl" in Greek.**

8. **Opinion: It's fun to learn about different cultures.**

9. **Fact: Joseph's name is based on a name meaning "he will add."**

10. **Opinion: His parents should have named him Zach.**