

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to distinguish between facts and opinions, understand their differences, and apply this knowledge in everyday situations and discussions.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencil for writing
- Whiteboard or large paper for group activities
- Markers or colored pencils
- Timer (optional for timed activities)

Before the lesson, review the definitions of "fact" and "opinion." A fact is something that can be proven true or false, while an opinion is a belief or judgment that is subjective and can vary from person to person.

Activities

- **Fact or Opinion Sorting Game:**

Prepare a list of statements (you can create them together during the lesson). The student will read each statement and decide if it is a fact or an opinion. Use a large piece of paper to create two columns labeled "Fact" and "Opinion" and place each statement in the correct column.

- **Fact vs. Opinion Art:**

Have the student draw a picture that represents a fact and another that represents an opinion. They can label their drawings and explain the reasoning behind each one.

- **Opinion Writing:**

The student will write a short paragraph expressing their opinion on a favorite book, movie, or hobby. Encourage them to include at least one fact to support their opinion.

- **Fact or Opinion Charades:**

Play a fun game of charades where the student acts out a fact or opinion, and you have to guess which one it is. This will help reinforce the concepts in an interactive way!

Talking Points

- "What is a fact? A fact is something that can be proven true. For example, 'The sky is blue.' Can you prove that?"
- "Now, what about an opinion? An opinion is what someone thinks or feels. For example, 'I think chocolate ice cream is the best!' Is that something everyone agrees on?"
- "Why do you think it's important to know the difference between facts and opinions? It helps us understand what is true and what is just someone's thoughts!"
- "Can you give me an example of a fact? How about an example of an opinion? The more

examples we have, the better we understand!"

- "Remember, facts can help us make informed decisions, while opinions can help us express our feelings. Both are important!"