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Fact or Opinion?

An activity of "World Cup workers"

In the article "Dreams vs reality" (page 11, *What's Up* July 2022), the writer says he is unlucky to work in Qatar. Can you prove whether this statement is true or not? It will be hard to do so, as his statement is an **opinion** — it is not necessarily based on fact, but expresses his belief, attitude, or feeling.

Meanwhile, the article "Qatar aims to treat workers better" (page 10, *What's Up* July 2022) tells us that many migrant workers had paid a lot of money to get to Qatar. Can you prove this? Yes, there are records showing that this situation actually did happen — this shows that the sentence is a **fact**.

It is important to be able to distinguish between fact and opinion, especially since we are surrounded by so much information today. Let's practise how to do so now!

PART 1

Go to the webpage: <https://sure.nlb.gov.sg/tng/surevivors-activity5/>. Read it carefully. Then, fill in the table below.

Fact	Opinion
Statement that can be proven true or false	Statement that cannot be proven true or false
Based on (a) _____ , (b) _____ and (c) _____ .	Based on one's (g) _____ and (h) _____ . May not have (i) _____ to support it.
The source is (d) _____. It cannot be from (e) _____ or (f) _____ .	Language that suggests an opinion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value words like "best", "wonderful", "horrible", etc. • (j) _____ • (k) _____

Next, take the quiz at the bottom of the webpage. How many points did you get? Write your score in this box. →

PART 2

Read the articles on pages 16-17 of *What's Up* July 2022. Then, based on what you have read, decide whether each statement below expresses a fact or opinion. Finally, explain why you think that is so.



Statement	Fact or Opinion?	Why?
1. Qatar has a population of just 330,000 citizens.		
2. Employers should pay for the food and housing of their employees.		
3. Temperatures in Qatar can rise to above 50°C.		
4. The <i>Guardian</i> newspaper report is shocking and appalling.		
5. Not enough is being done to enforce the new laws.		

PART 3

Write one fact you know and one opinion you have about the fact. Read them out to your partner — without saying which is which — and see if they can identify the two statements correctly!

Fact:

Opinion:
