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Fact or Opinion?

An activity of "Why Denmark's new queen is beloved in Australia".

In almost every story you read, you will come across facts and opinions.

A fact is a thing that is known or proven to be true.

Example: *The National Day of Singapore is on the 9th of August.*

This is a fact because it can be proven that Singapore's national day is on 9 August.

An opinion is a view or judgment about something. It is based on thoughts, beliefs, or feelings.

Example: *The National Day of Singapore is the most exciting holiday of the year.*

This is an opinion because it cannot be proven to be true for everybody.

Now it is your turn. Work in pairs on this exercise.

1. Read "Why Denmark's new queen is beloved in Australia" (page 7, *What's Up* February 2024). There are facts and opinions in this story. Can you tell them apart?
2. Study the sentences below. Decide if they are facts or opinions and tick (✓) the correct answer. For those you say are opinions, give your reason.

a) Mary and her friends met a group of people from Europe, including a man named Fred. <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
b) "Princess Mary is a wonderful ambassador for Tasmania," said Jeremy Rockliff, the premier of Tasmania. <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
c) In a recent poll, only 35 per cent of Australians said they wanted to retain a British monarch as the head of state in the long term. <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
d) Mary renounced her Australian citizenship a long time ago. <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
e) Perhaps having an ordinary childhood, rather than growing up as a princess, helps Mary to better serve the people of Denmark as their queen. <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
f) <i>Your example of a fact in the story:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION
g) <i>Your example of an opinion in the story:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FACT <input type="checkbox"/> OPINION