

GRADE 5 ENGLISH WORKSHEET

Opinion Writing vs Fact Writing in Biographies

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

FACT

A fact is information that can be checked or proven true. It tells what really happened, when it happened, or what a person actually did.

OPINION

An opinion is a personal belief, feeling, or judgement. It often uses words such as *greatest*, *amazing*, *inspiring*, *best*, *brave* or *interesting*.

Part A – Fact or Opinion?

Read each statement about the scientist **Marie Curie**. Write **F** for Fact or **O** for Opinion.

1. Marie Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1867. _____
2. Marie Curie was one of the most amazing scientists in history. _____
3. She studied science and mathematics in Paris. _____
4. Her discoveries about radioactivity were extremely impressive. _____
5. Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903. _____
6. She was a very brave woman who never gave up. _____
7. Marie Curie also won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911. _____
8. In my opinion, she is the most inspiring scientist ever. _____

Part B – Explain Your Thinking

Choose **two** statements from Part A. Explain why each one is a fact or an opinion.

Statement number: _____ It is a: Fact / Opinion

Because: _____

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Because: _____

Part C – Fact or Opinion in a Biography

Read this short biography of **Abdul Sattar Edhi**. Then complete the tasks below.

Abdul Sattar Edhi was born in 1928 in Bantva, India. He later moved to Pakistan and dedicated his life to helping people in need. He founded the Edhi Foundation, which provided ambulance services, shelters, orphanages and other forms of support. The organisation became one of Pakistan's well-known charitable organisations. Edhi lived a simple life and encouraged people to care for others. Many people consider him an inspiring humanitarian.

1. Underline **two facts** from the biography.

2. Circle **one opinion** from the biography.

3. Write one fact about Abdul Sattar Edhi in your own words.

4. Write one opinion about Abdul Sattar Edhi. Begin with *I think...* or *In my opinion....*

Part D – Turn Facts into Opinions

Read each fact. Write a suitable opinion sentence based on the fact. Remember: an opinion expresses your personal judgement.

Fact: Malala Yousafzai became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate in 2014.

Opinion: _____

Fact: Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison before becoming President of South Africa.

Opinion: _____

Fact: Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was the first Governor-General of Pakistan.

Opinion: _____

Part E – Mini Biography Challenge

Choose a famous person. Write **3 factual sentences** and **2 opinion sentences** about that person. Use specific facts for the biography and clearly show your personal judgement in the opinion sentences.

Type	Your Sentence
Fact 1	_____
Fact 2	_____
Fact 3	_____
Opinion 1	_____
Opinion 2	_____

Remember: A biography should mainly give accurate facts about a person's life. Opinions can be included when the writer clearly shows that they are personal judgements.