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## THROUGH THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER

Every person sees the world through his or her own unique perspective. Identity, personal history, and background shape that perspective. How do you see the world? Do you know the difference between a fact and an assumption/opinion? Read the three scenarios below. Decide what is a fact and what you assume to be factual about each event. Then answer the questions that follow.

### SCENARIO 1:

Sam leaned over to tie his sneakers. He got up from the desk chair, grabbed his backpack, and left the office. When he got out of the office, he walked down the street and turned the corner. All of a sudden, Sam heard a police siren about a block away. He began to run.

**Question 1:** What noise did Sam hear?

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Based on what you read, is your answer a fact or an opinion? Explain.

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**Question 2:** Why do you think Sam began to run?

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Based on what you read, is your answer a fact or is it an assumption (your opinion) based on what you read? Explain.

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**Question 3:** What do you think influences your opinion? What personal history or other aspects of your identity may have shaped your opinion?

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### SCENARIO 2:

Yesterday, when Jill walked into the convenience store to buy a soda, she said "Hello!" to the clerk who works behind the counter. The clerk muttered something and turned around to organize a display. Then Jill put the soda down and left the store.

**Question 1:** What did Jill say to the clerk?

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Is the answer to this question a fact? Or is the answer an assumption you have made (your opinion) based on what you read? Explain.

**Question 2:** Why do you think Jill left the store?

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Is the answer to this question a fact? Or is the answer an assumption you have made (your opinion) based on what you read? Explain.

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**Question 3:** What do you think influenced your opinion? What personal history or other aspects of your identity may have shaped your opinion?

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### SCENARIO 3:

Arnold and Jesse have spiked hair and like to listen to loud music. Leslie and Alexis like to look at fashion magazines and go shopping.

One day after school, Leslie and Alexis walked by as Arnold and Jesse were listening to a CD. Leslie said, "Look at those boys! I can't believe it!"

**Question 1:** What kind of music do the boys listen to?

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Is the answer to this question a fact? Or is the answer an assumption you have made (your opinion) based on what you read? Explain.

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**Question 2:** What do think Leslie meant by saying, "I can't believe it!"

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Is the answer to this question a fact? Or is the answer an assumption you have made (your opinion) based on what you read? Explain.

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**Question 3:** What do you think influenced your opinion? What personal history or other aspects of your identity may have shaped your opinion?

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