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Get the Facts

The sentences below relate to the *Scholastic News* story about backyard habitats. Some of the sentences are facts, or statements that can be proved true. Others are opinions, or statements that tell what someone feels or thinks. Read each statement, then fill in the circle (F) if the sentence is a fact, or (O) if it is an opinion.

- (F) (O) 1. Jersey City is a large urban center located in the state of New Jersey.
- (F) (O) 2. Young people have the best skills to create wildlife habitats in backyards.
- (F) (O) 3. The National Wildlife Federation certifies backyards as wildlife habitats only if they meet specific requirements.
- (F) (O) 4. Woodchucks are rarely seen in big cities.
- (F) (O) 5. Community gardens that are turned into wildlife habitats look much better than other gardens.
- (F) (O) 6. Large backyards are fantastic places in which to create wildlife habitats.
- (F) (O) 7. Planting shrubs that are native to a particular area can help the environment.
- (F) (O) 8. Certified wildlife habitats can be made in backyards, community gardens, or other open spaces.
- (F) (O) 9. Small, furry animals are the best kind for keeping in one's backyard.
- (F) (O) 10. Kids are too inexperienced to help improve the environment.

