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Fact vs. Opinion

EXAMPLE:**Fact:** Millions of Americans have pet dogs.**Opinion:** Dogs make the best pets.

Directions: Read the following sentences about the articles in this issue's Your World section. Then write **F** next to the sentences that are facts and **O** next to the sentences that are opinions.

- ___ 1. Carving initials into wet cement is a great way to leave your mark.
- ___ 2. Sidewalk poetry is a brilliant concept.
- ___ 3. The sidewalk poems were written by citizens of St. Paul.
- ___ 4. Aliens who see the giant bunny from space probably think earthlings are crazy.
- ___ 5. The pink-stuffed rabbit has become a popular destination for hikers.
- ___ 6. J. K. Rowling is by far the best literary alter ego to have.
- ___ 7. William Shakespeare wrote, "Love sought is good, but given unsought is better."
- ___ 8. "It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."
- ___ 9. The book series *The 39 Clues* is a true adventure.
- ___ 10. Football star Mark Bavaro tackles the literary world with his debut novel *Rough and Tumble*.

CHALLENGE!

Opinions often are based on facts. Because of this, an opinion can often be supported by facts. For example, "Sam is generous" is an opinion, but "Sam gave half of his cookie to Max" is a fact. This fact is an example of how Sam is generous. Support the opinion below with a fact from the story.

Opinion: Mark Bavaro is very talented.

Supporting Fact: _____