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Fact Versus Opinion

Example:

Fact: Millions of teens have cell phones.

Opinion: Cell phones should be allowed at school.

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. Michelangelo was a really talented artist.
- ___ 2. Eri Yoshida is Japan's first woman to sign with a professional men's baseball team.
- ___ 3. Raising a wild animal is too much work.
- ___ 4. Shreve Stockton says adopting a coyote changed her life.
- ___ 5. The first recorded use of "canine" meaning "dog" was in 1869.
- ___ 6. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is the best-selling book of the last 15 years.
- ___ 7. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is the best book ever written.
- ___ 8. Lucas Laborde is thrilled about the car he built himself.

YOUR TURN

Opinions are often based on facts. Because of this, an opinion may sometimes be expressed as if it were a fact. For example, "Sarah is generous" is an opinion. "Sarah gave half of her sandwich to Adam" is a fact that supports the opinion. It shows *how* Sarah is generous.

Rewrite the opinion below as a fact.

Opinion: *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a great book.

Fact: _____

Use the fact below to write an opinion.

Fact: Lucas Laborde built his own battery-powered car.

Opinion: _____
