



ACTIVITY: FACT OR OPINION

- A telephone number is difficult to memorize.
- The deepest part of the ocean is 35,813 feet deep.
- Dogs make better pets than turtles.
- Five people is the perfect small group size for a workshop.
- Eighty-five percent of all cases of lung cancer in the U.S. are caused by smoking.
- If you flatten and stretch out a Slinky, it will be 87 feet long.
- Golfing is fun.
- One out of every one hundred American citizens is color blind.
- Two out of ten American citizens are allergic to nuts.

Decide if each item is a fact or an opinion.

Give 7 minutes to debate/decide, 7 mins to share and discuss.

Once you've figured it out, analyze if you used fast/automatic thinking or slow/deliberate thinking to make your decisions.

- Which is more common thinking with Facts?
- Which is more common thinking with Opinions?

If you don't learn the difference between fact and opinion, you may end up reading and watching, misjudging things that continue to reinforce beliefs and assumptions you already own. You will probably find some of the statements easy to judge but other statements may be more difficult.

If you can effectively debate the truthfulness of a statement with the table, then it's most likely an opinion and our opinions are more often gut instinct, emotional, instinctual, and reactive.