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Read the passage. Then circle the letter of the

best answer to each question.

The Sunshine Skyway Bridge in Florida was finished in 1987. Many people believe it is the most beautiful bridge in the world. It is painted yellow. I think the color is the reason that the bridge is so popular. Another bridge once stood over Tampa Bay. Because of a terrible storm, 1,000 feet of that bridge fell into the bay. The Sunshine Skyway Bridge is 190 feet above the water at its highest point. It is held together by steel cables. I feel that this bridge is the strongest bridge of all.

- Which of the following sentences states a fact?
 - A It is painted yellow.
 - B I think the color is the reason that the bridge is so popular.
 - C Many people believe it is the most beautiful bridge in the world.
 - D I feel that this bridge is the strongest bridge of all.
- Which of the following sentences is an opinion?
 - A The Sunshine Skyway Bridge in Florida was finished in 1987.
 - B I think the color is the reason that the bridge is so popular.
 - C Another bridge once stood over Tampa Bay.
 - D It is held together by steel cables.
- Read the underlined sentence in the passage. It is a fact. How do you know?
 - A It is the author's belief.
 - B It is incorrect information.
 - C It is something that can be seen or proved.
 - D All bridges do this.

School-Home Connection

Read the passage aloud with the student. Then reread it. Work together to underline each sentence that is a fact and circle each sentence that is an opinion.

Identifying Fact and Opinion

A fact is something that is true or can be proven.

An opinion is knowledge based on feelings about a given topic.

Directions: Read each sentence. Decide whether each example is a fact or opinion. Write the word **fact** or **opinion** beside the appropriate sentence.

1. _____ Deserts are not as beautiful as forests.
2. _____ St. Patrick's Day is associated with the country of Ireland.
3. _____ Earth's largest ocean is the Pacific Ocean.
4. _____ Abraham Lincoln was the greatest president.
5. _____ Madrid is the capital of Spain.
6. _____ Leftover spaghetti is delicious.
7. _____ Honeybees are insects.
8. _____ Baseball is much more interesting than football.
9. _____ Blue is an attractive color.
10. _____ Brazil is on the continent of South America.
11. _____ My parents like classical music more than pop music.
12. _____ Lemons and limes look similar except for their color.
13. _____ Sunflowers are the prettiest flowers.
14. _____ We live in a brick house.
15. _____ My aunt is the funniest person I know.
16. _____ I'm expecting a phone call in ten minutes.
17. _____ All dinosaurs are extinct.
18. _____ Horses are the most beautiful animals in the world.
19. _____ Alaska is one of the fifty United States.
20. _____ I lost my best friend's book.

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