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1ST GRADE BUNDLE

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Fact vs. Opinion Name: _____ Date: _____

Humpback Whales


Directions: Find five statements that are facts and five statements that are opinions and write them below.

FACT	OPINION
1. Humpback whales live in oceans.	1. They are not pretty animals.
2. Humpbacks are mammals. They eat krill and small fish.	2. Humpback songs are very beautiful.

420L Fact vs. Opinion Name: _____ Date: _____


Humpback Whales

Humpback whales live in oceans. They can be found around the world. Humpbacks are mammals. They eat krill and small fish. They travel alone or in small groups called pods.



Female Humpback with her calf.

Humpback whales are very large. They can grow to be 50 feet long. Females are larger than males. Humpbacks have a thick body with a hump. This makes them easy to spot. They are not pretty animals. They have bumpy hairs on their heads and mouths.




Humpback whale breaching.

Humpback whales breach. Breaching is when a whale jumps out of the water. Whales breach so they can breathe air. People can watch whales living in their habitat. They are called whale watchers. Whale watchers enjoy watching humpbacks breach.

Male humpback whales sing a song. The song is beautiful. It can be heard over a hundred miles away. The song can also last very long. It can last up to 20 minutes. He may sing it over and over for hours. Humpback songs are very beautiful.

Humpbacks are endangered. They were hunted by people called whalers. Most of the humpbacks were killed. They almost became extinct. Extinct is when all animals in a species have died. Humpbacks are protected from whalers now. There are many more humpbacks.



Scan here to watch and hear a Humpback "sing."

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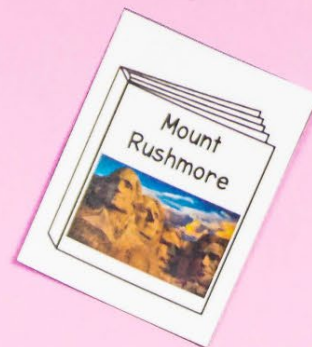
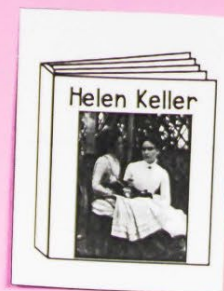
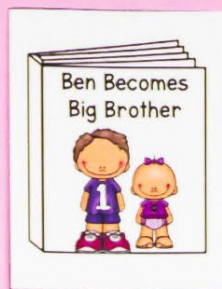
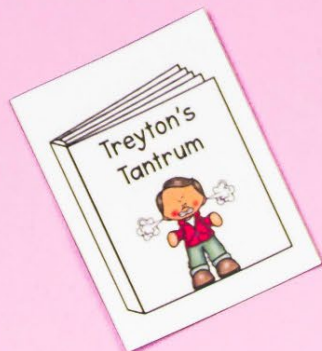
Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color.

- Which of these sentences is an opinion?
 - a "They are not pretty animals."
 - b "Females are larger than males."
 - c "Male humpback whales sing a song."
 - d "They travel alone or in small groups called pods."
- How do you know if a sentence tells a fact?
 - a It tells something that is real.
 - b It is long.
 - c It has numbers in it.
- Which part of this sentence is an opinion and why? "The song is beautiful."



The song is beautiful is an opinion.
- Is the following phrase a fact or opinion? For many years, they have been singing.

This is a fact. You can prove it.
- Why is it important for nonfiction text to include facts?

Nonfiction text should include facts because it should be teaching the reader about a topic.



Fiction vs. Nonfiction

	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not real• Read for entertainment• Illustrations• Dialogue• Characters, setting, problem, solution• Beginning, middle, end• Read in sequential order• Includes fantasy, realistic, and other types of fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Real and factual• Read to learn• Photos, charts, diagrams, and other text features• Table of contents, index, glossary• Bold print, italics• Different text structures including sequential, cause and effect, compare and contrast, problem and solution, and descriptive• Can sometimes be read out of order• Includes "How to", historical, scientific texts

Cover Sort

Directions: Sort the book covers into the fiction or nonfiction column.

FICTION	NONFICTION
   	   

Fiction

Not real

Read for Entertainment

Illustrations

Characters, Setting, Problem, Solution

Read in sequential order

1. 2. 3.

Predicting Starters

the story said...,
which made me
think...

think ... will
happen because...

when I read... it
made me realize...

when the
character does... it
makes me think...

when the
character says... it
makes me think...

when the
character feels... it
makes me think...

890L Making Predictions Name: _____ Date: _____

STOP BEFORE READING: Look at the title and illustration. What do you think this story will be about?
(Characters, setting, problem, solution)

Broken Pieces

Alex looked at the broken pieces spread all over the floor and knew that he would probably be in big trouble. Sighing, he bent down to carefully begin picking them up. Each one fit into the other like a puzzle.

Before leaving the house, his mom had told him to be careful and not to get into any trouble, but he had done just the opposite.

370L Making Predictions Name: _____ Date: _____

STOP BEFORE READING: Look at the title and illustration. What do you think this story will be about?
(Characters, setting, problem, solution)

Brad's Birthday Box



think is inside the box?

ok it out of the box. He set it on his
it was the perfect shape. He wanted to see
it it back down again. He smiled. He went to

500L Making Predictions Name: _____ Date: _____

STOP BEFORE READING: Look at the title and illustration. What do you think this story will be about?
(Characters, setting, problem, solution)

Abby's Big Day

Abby woke up feeling excited and nervous both at the same time. Today was the day she had been waiting for. She ate her breakfast and got herself ready. Her dad smiled at her as they got into the car.

Driving there through a lot of traffic gave Abby time to think and prepare. She thought of how she would look and feel today during her big moment. It made her smile. Her nerves were starting to lessen, but she knew they would be back again soon.

STOP DURING READING: Where do you think Abby and her dad are going?

"How are you doing?" her dad asked, smiling at her from the front seat into the mirror.

"I'm okay," Abby said, smiling slightly back at him.

"You're going to do great!" he told her, nodding.

They passed many cars and many people walking. There were tall shiny buildings and a few trees here and there. The sidewalks were crowded as people waited at traffic lights to cross the road. Many were bundled in hats and gloves. Pretty winter decorations lined the streets.

Making Pre

A prediction is a guess you make, using text



1. BEFORE READING
Look at the title and illustration
2. DURING READING
STOP! Predict what will happen
3. AFTER READING
Confirm or adjust your prediction

YES
Confirm