

# ECHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTINUITY ASSIGNMENT

ACADEMIC HELP LINE: Open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30

WEEK 5

GRADE 7

SUBJECT English

I CAN read the passage "The Beauty of Slovenia" and answer the questions about fact vs. Opinion

## ACTIVITY:

Grammar: complete the grammar activity

Reading: Read the passage "The Beauty of Slovenia" and answer the questions provided

## RESOURCES/WEBSITES/DIRECTIONS TO ACCESS:

Optional reading practice { Step 1: log into clever  
Step 2: click edute app  
Step 3: take a quiz

Other helpful apps to explore  
on clever: Grammaropolis  
Vocabulary

↳ There are 7 total quizzes, take them at your own pace!

## ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT (NO TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED):

None

## Week Five

- A **plural noun** is a word that indicates that there is more than one person, animal place, thing, or idea. When you talk about more than one of anything, you're using **plural nouns**.

Ex: Singular- Kitten Plural- Kittens

- **Direct Object.** is the **noun** that receives the action of the verb.
- The indirect object is the noun or pronoun that receives the **direct object**.

### Indirect object sentence examples

#### After preposition:

They gave some old books to the library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Subject Verb direct object indirect  
object

#### After verb:

They gave the library some old books  
Subject Verb indirect object direct object

# Week Five

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write these sentences correctly.**

1. citronella also called mosquito plant smells like lemmon, but are related to the geranium.

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2. Jackie recieved a A on hers assignment, but I only getted a C on mines.

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**Circle the subject and underline the predicate in this sentence.**

3. My sister and brother go to the gym and work out three days a week.

**Write the plural form of each noun.**

4. shelf \_\_\_\_\_

5. fish \_\_\_\_\_

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**Write these sentences correctly.**

1. Greta and me asked tim to bring them photos to we after class tommorrow.

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2. my parents plane leaves at 3:00 and im taking they to the airport.

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**Circle the direct object and underline the indirect object in each sentence.**

3. Jon's mother made him a delicious chocolate birthday cake.

4. We asked Lee and Beth a lot of questions about their vacation plans.

**Rewrite this sentence to correct the run-on.**

5. Galileo is called the father of modern physics, he was born in 1564.

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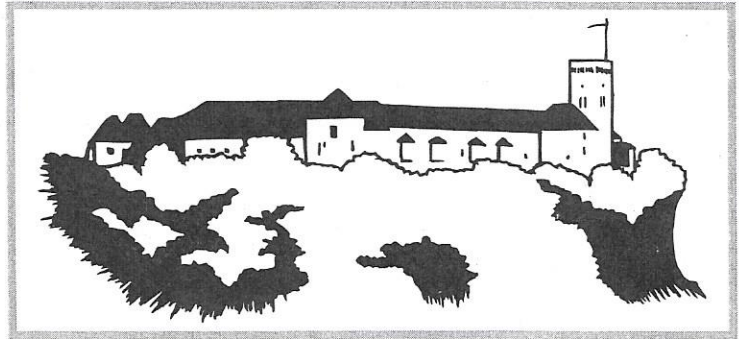
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When reading, it is important to understand the difference between facts and opinions and to be able to distinguish which is which. A fact is something that is true. An opinion is something that someone *believes* is true.

**Activity:** Read the passage below and complete pages 98–100.

## The Beauty of Slovenia

1. Nestled in the heart of Europe, bordering Italy, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and a short stretch of the Adriatic Sea, lies the small country of Slovenia. Prior to its independence in 1991, the Republic of Slovenia was a part of the former Yugoslavia, which experienced many turbulent years at the end of the millennium. In May 1992, Slovenia was accepted into the United Nations and two years later, into the European Union. The way was then clear for the small country to develop as a democratic nation.



2. Slovenia has continued to improve its economy since independence, particularly in the tourist industry. Each year, more than a million visitors from other European countries vacation in Slovenia, and new resorts are being built to meet the demands of the booming industry. The climate guarantees warm summers and plenty of snow in the winter.
3. The country is blessed with many outstanding physical features that make it the perfect destination for a vacation—mountains, lakes, rivers, forests, and natural and thermal springs. Areas of primeval forest can still be found; the largest of which is in the Kocevje region in the south of the country, where a chance encounter with a brown bear is still possible.
4. A number of regions within Slovenia are of international environmental significance:
  - In the far northwest lies the remarkable Triglav National Park, a true paradise of majestic mountains, valleys, lakes, and waterfalls. The park, named Triglav (meaning “three heads”) after Slovenia’s highest peak, has a diverse plant and animal population. The beauty of this region captivates the hearts of all those who visit.
  - Situated close to Ljubljana, the country’s capital, are the awesome Skocjan Caves—a network of eleven caves with a number of spectacular features, such as the swallow holes and natural bridges, which leave the visitor with an everlasting impression of the wonder and magnificence of nature.
  - Although an unattractive and plain sight to behold, the very special ecological conditions that have been created in the coastal Secovlje saltpans have seen many of Slovenia’s endangered plant species flourish. About 80 species of birds nest there regularly.
  - Cerknica Lake, to the southwest of Ljubljana, is an impressive phenomenon. When full to capacity, it is the largest lake in the country, but during the dry season, it can be completely emptied as the water drains through underground streams. With the autumn rains and the snows melting in the spring, the underground streams swell. The level of the lake then rises, and the volume of water can no longer be contained.
5. Slovenia’s capital city, Ljubljana, is a charming old town with many parks and buildings of great architectural interest. Perched on the summit of a wooded hill, Ljubljana Castle dominates the capital. Along with the National Museum, the castle is a very interesting place to visit, providing insight into the history of this wonderful old town and country.



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Follow the steps below to learn how you can determine if something is a fact or an opinion.

- Ask yourself:

Can the statement be checked and proven to be correct? If it can, it is a fact.

Is it what someone *thinks* is true and can't be proven? If so, it is an opinion.

For example: Hens lay eggs. (Fact)

Eggs taste good. (Opinion)

- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. Which sentence states a fact?

- (a) People love the old charm of Ljubljana.
- (b) Slovenia is better now that it is an independent nation.
- (c) Tourists love the physical beauty of Slovenia.
- (d) Slovenia is a European country.

2. Choose the best answer. Think about each choice carefully.

- (a) Not all people may agree with this statement, and there is no way of checking how people feel. This is an opinion.
- (b) For some people this may be correct, but others may disagree. This is an opinion.
- (c) Not all people may appreciate Slovenia's scenery. This is an opinion.
- (d) This is a fact that can be verified in atlases and in documentation that covers the political status of all nations. This is the only possible answer.

1. Which sentence contains two facts?

- (a) Ljubljana is the capital city of Slovenia.
- (b) Cerknica Lake, to the southwest of Ljubljana, is an impressive phenomenon.
- (c) Areas of primeval forest can still be found in Slovenia, the largest of which is in the Kocevje region.
- (d) Slovenia has many areas of beauty that make it a perfect vacation destination.

2. Choose the best answer. Think about each choice carefully.

- (a) This is only one fact that can be verified. You need two facts. This is not a good answer.
- (b) This sentence contains one fact and one opinion. The position of the lake can be verified, so it is a fact. Whether it is an impressive phenomenon is dependent on individual opinion. This is not the best answer.
- (c) This sentence contains two statements that can be verified: areas of primeval forest can still be found in Slovenia, and the largest area of primeval forest is in the Kocevje region. This is a very good answer, but check all of them.
- (d) This sentence contains two opinions. Maybe not everyone would agree that Slovenia is a beautiful country, and people's ideas of a perfect vacation vary greatly. This is not a good answer.

# Fact or Opinion

## Practice Page

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use the strategies you learned to practice identifying facts and opinions. Use the clues in the "Think!" boxes to help you.

1. Mark the correct box.

Fact      Opinion

(a) Slovenia is a country in Europe.

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(b) The Slovenes are happy to be in the European Union.

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(c) Slovenia gained independence in 1991.

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(d) The climate of Slovenia is wonderful.

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**Think!**

Which statements can be verified conclusively?

2. Write three facts and three opinions about Ljubljana.

Facts	Opinions

**Think!**

Read the final paragraph carefully.

3. Read this sentence from the text.

*The country is blessed with many outstanding physical features that make it the perfect destination for a vacation.*

(a) Rewrite the sentence giving its factual information only.

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(b) List the key "opinion" words from the original sentence.

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**Think!**

Opinions often include adjectives and descriptive verbs.

4. Read this sentence from the text.

*The park, named Triglav (meaning "three heads") after Slovenia's highest peak, has a diverse plant and animal population.*

This sentence is . . . ☐ a fact. ☐ an opinion.

Explain your answer.

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**Think!**

Facts can be conclusively verified.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use the strategies you have been practicing to help you distinguish between facts and opinions.

1. Mark the correct box.

Fact      Opinion

(a) Slovenia joined the United Nations in 1992.

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(b) Other Europeans vacation in Slovenia because it is cheap.

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(c) The physical beauty of Slovenia is its main attraction.

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(d) Brown bears can be found in the south of the country.

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2. Write five facts about Slovenia's history and its capital city, Ljubljana.

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3. Write five opinions from the passage about the physical features of Slovenia.

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4. Write four key facts from paragraph 2.

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5. Write three words or phrases the author uses to describe Slovenia.

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- \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you believe is the author's opinion of Slovenia?

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