Our Town Park

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **fact** can be checked and proven true. An **opinion** tells what someone thinks or feels. Opinion clue words: *best, worst, beautiful, should, I think, fun*.

Test: Could you check it in a book, measure it or see it? Then it is a fact.

Our Town Park



Riverside Park opened in 1985. It has a playground, two tennis courts, a pond and a walking trail that is two kilometres long. The park is open every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In my opinion, Riverside Park is the best place in our whole town. The playground has a tall twisty slide, and it is the most exciting slide I have ever been on. Every summer, the town holds a free concert by the pond.

Ducks and geese live at the pond all year. Visitors should not feed them bread, because bread is not healthy for birds. I think watching the ducklings in spring is the cutest thing ever.

Last year, volunteers planted fifty new trees along the trail. Everyone should help keep the park clean so that it stays beautiful for a long time.

Our Town Park

Grade 3

1. Check your understanding

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence is a FACT?

(a) Riverside Park opened in 1985.
(b) Riverside Park is the best place in town.
(c) Watching ducklings is the cutest thing ever.

2. Which sentence is an OPINION?

(a) The trail is two kilometres long.
(b) The twisty slide is the most exciting slide ever.
(c) The park is open every day.

3. How many trees did volunteers plant?

(a) Fifty
(b) Two
(c) Nineteen

4. Why shouldn't visitors feed bread to the ducks?

(a) The ducks don't like it.
(b) Bread is not healthy for birds.
(c) It is too expensive.

Our Town Park

Grade 3

2. Fact or opinion?

These sentences come from the article. Circle fact or opinion.

1. The park has two tennis courts. — fact / opinion
2. Riverside Park is the best place in our whole town. — fact / opinion
3. Ducks and geese live at the pond all year. — fact / opinion
4. Everyone should help keep the park clean. — fact / opinion
5. The town holds a free concert every summer. — fact / opinion
6. I think watching ducklings is the cutest thing ever. — fact / opinion

3. Write your own

Write one fact and one opinion about a place you like.

1. **A fact:**

2. **An opinion:**

Answer Key

Our Town Park · Grade 3

1. Check your understanding

1. Which sentence is a FACT?

- a **Riverside Park opened in 1985.**
- b Riverside Park is the best place in town.
- c Watching ducklings is the cutest thing ever.

2. Which sentence is an OPINION?

- a The trail is two kilometres long.
- b **The twisty slide is the most exciting slide ever.**
- c The park is open every day.

3. How many trees did volunteers plant?

- a **Fifty**
- b Two
- c Nineteen

4. Why shouldn't visitors feed bread to the ducks?

- a The ducks don't like it.
- b **Bread is not healthy for birds.**
- c It is too expensive.

2. Fact or opinion?

1	The park has two tennis courts.	**fact**	opinion
2	Riverside Park is the best place in our whole town.	fact	**opinion**
3	Ducks and geese live at the pond all year.	**fact**	opinion
4	Everyone should help keep the park clean.	fact	**opinion**
5	The town holds a free concert every summer.	**fact**	opinion
6	I think watching ducklings is the cutest thing ever.	fact	**opinion**

3. Write your own

Answers will vary.

1. **A fact:**
   Our library has a reading corner with beanbags.
2. **An opinion:**
   Our library is the coziest place in town.