

Facts Vs Opinions Vs Robots

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Synopsis

Do you know the difference between a fact and an opinion? It can be a hard thing to understand. Some things are facts--like the number of robots in this book. Other things are opinions--like which robot would make the best friend, or which robot dances best. And sometimes to tell the difference between a fact and an opinion, you need to wait to get more information--that's because facts can be proven true or false, and opinions are things you feel and believe--but that you can't prove.

Mike Rex introduces young readers to the very important distinction between facts and opinions, and he reminds us that it is nice to listen to one another's opinions, and to stand up for the facts!

Author Bio

MICHAEL REX is the creator of over thirty books for children, including the number one bestseller Goodnight Goon and the Fangbone! series. He also illustrated With Any Luck, I'll Drive a Truck (by David Friend). He was inspired to create Icky Ricky by his two boys, Declan and Gavin, who are fine young citizens, but very disgusting. Gavin eats ketchup on cake, and Declan uses a marker to colour his belly button. Along with the boys, Mr. Rex lives with his wife and their dog, Roxy, in Leonia, New Jersey. Both his wife and the dog are not disgusting at all.





Curriculum Links

Year 3 HASS Inquiry and Skills:

Examine information to identify different points of view and distinguish facts from opinions
Identifying statements of fact and statements of opinion in class discussions

English Year 3

ACELT1598 Develop criteria for establishing personal preferences for literature

ACELY1792 Use interaction skills, including active listening behaviours and communicate in a clear, coherent manner using a variety of everyday and learned vocabulary and appropriate tone, pace, pitch and volume

ACELY1678 Identify the audience and purpose of imaginative, informative and persuasive texts

English Year 6

ACELA1517 Understanding when it is appropriate to share feelings and opinions (for example in a personal recount) and when it is appropriate to remain more objective (for example in a factual recount)
Differentiating between reporting the facts (for example in a news story) and providing a commentary (for example in an editorial)

Themes

Lateral Thinking
Opinion
Facts
Differences
Peace

Media
News
Harmony
Understanding

Pre Reading Questions

Look at the front cover of the book.

Read the title together.

Look at the other names on the book. What are they there for.

Identify the author and the illustrator. What do the author and illustrator do.

*There's only one name on this book. What does that mean?

What do you think the story will be about?

Read the blurb at the back of the book. What do you feel about it? What kind of things are you now expecting to see inside the book? What type of book do you think it will be?

Discussion Questions

Discuss the book as a class.

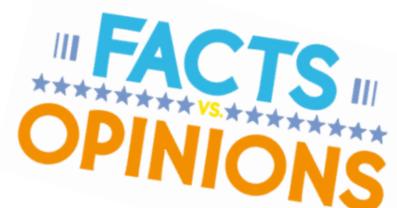
- Who liked it?
- Who didn't?
- Why?

What kind of book is this? Is it fiction (story book) or is it non fiction?

How would you describe it?

- Talk about what they have learned.
- Discuss as a group what the difference is between a fact and an opinion.
- Give examples, and write them on the board.
- Talk about how we know something is a fact.

- Why is it important to know the difference between a Fact or an Opinion?
- Especially in the context of stories we might see on the TV new or Read about in the newspaper?



*There are sheets that can be used to support this discussion on the next pages, including a blank sheet if you wanted to personalise the questions to your class.

Fact Vs Opinion

Half of the statements written below are FACTS and the other half are OPINIONS

In the space next to each statement, write FACT or OPINION, depending on whether the statement is a FACT or an OPINION

FACT or OPINION

Dogs make the best pets.

Vegemite is better than honey.

There are 12 months in the year.

A baby cow is called a calf.

Rainbows are beautiful.

The Tyrannosaurus Rex is extinct.

Mercury is the closest planet to the sun.

Reading is more fun than a computer game.

Christmas Day is December 25th.

Summer is the best season of the year.

Fact Vs Opinion

Half of the statements written below are *FACTS* and the other half are *OPINIONS*

In the space next to each statement, write *FACT* or *OPINION*, depending on whether the statement is a *FACT* or an *OPINION*

FACT or OPINION

FACT Vs OPINION

***Write your definition of a Fact and Opinion
and give an example for each one***

FACT

A fact is:

An example of a fact:

OPINION

An opinion is:

An example of an opinion: