

Judgment Jam Answer Key

Opinion Statements (Highlighted/Underlined in the Passage):

- "Online learning is clearly the best way for students to succeed in today's world."
- "With so many amazing programs available, students can learn whatever they want, whenever they want."
- "Traditional schools are outdated and boring."
- "Teachers in classrooms often waste time on unnecessary lessons."
- "Online learning gives students freedom, excitement, and power over their education."
- "Anyone who says online learning isn't effective just hasn't kept up with the times."

1. Six opinion statements.

2. Opinion: "Traditional schools are outdated and boring."
Neutral Rewrite: Some students prefer online learning to traditional classrooms.

Opinion: "Online learning gives students freedom, excitement, and power over their education."

Neutral Rewrite: Online learning allows students to access lessons independently from various locations.

3. The frequent opinions make the passage sound one-sided and less reliable because it lacks balanced evidence or data.

4. The author has a strongly positive bias toward online learning and a negative attitude toward traditional schooling.

5. The author could include research, statistics, or expert quotes to support claims and present both the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.

Teaching Tips:

- Review the difference between **facts** and **opinions** before students begin.
- Encourage discussion about *why authors use opinions*: to persuade, entertain, or connect with readers, and what risks that carries.
- Ask students: "Does the presence of opinions always make something biased? When can opinions be useful?"