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# "Support the Opinion" Challenge Answer Key

These are sample facts-students may come up with other accurate, reasonable ones too.

## Opinion 1: School uniforms help improve student focus.

- 1. Studies show students spend less time worrying about clothing choices when uniforms are worn.
- 2. Schools with uniform policies have reported fewer classroom distractions.

### Opinion 2: Electric cars are better for the environment than gas-powered cars.

- 1. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, unlike gasoline vehicles.
- 2. A study by the U.S. Department of Energy found EVs have lower overall carbon footprints.

#### Opinion 3: Video games can improve problem-solving skills in teens.

- 1. Puzzle-based and strategy games require players to think critically and plan ahead.
- 2. Some studies have linked video game use with increased cognitive flexibility.

#### Opinion 4: Libraries are still important in the digital age.

- 1. Many libraries provide free internet, job resources, and community programs.
- 2. Libraries give access to books and learning materials for people without digital access.

# Turn the Tables (example):

Opinion #: 2

Fact to argue *against* it: Some electric cars are powered by electricity from coal-burning plants, which still pollutes the air.

