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## Zoo Facts & Opinions Answer Key

### Sample Facts:

- "Zoos have been around for thousands of years, with some of the earliest collections found in ancient Egypt and China."
- "The San Diego Zoo is home to over 12,000 animals and is known for its large, open exhibits."
- "Modern zoos care for thousands of animals from around the world."

### Sample Opinions:

- "Zoos are the best way to protect animals."
- "Zoos are wonderful because children can see animals up close."
- "Animals may not get enough space in zoos."

### Teacher Notes:

- Students often confuse **widely accepted beliefs** with facts. Remind them: if it expresses **judgment or belief** ("best," "wonderful"), it's an opinion.
- Encourage color-coding for clarity.
- Extension: Ask students to write a short paragraph stating their own opinion about zoos, supported with at least one fact from the passage.