

Plugged Perspectives Answer Key

Examples of Facts (students should underline in blue):

- "Over 10 million electric cars were on the road worldwide by 2022."
- "Many governments now offer tax incentives for buyers."
- "A single charge on most electric cars today lasts between 150 and 300 miles, depending on the model."

Examples of Opinions (students should underline in red):

- "Electric cars are the smartest choice for the future of transportation."
- "They are cleaner, quieter, and more stylish."
- "Electric cars are still too expensive for most families."
- "The limited range makes road trips stressful."

Follow-Up Question Model Answers:

1. Distinguishing facts from opinions helps readers evaluate information critically, separating what is proven from what is someone's personal belief.
2. Opinions may persuade readers to view electric cars more positively (as stylish and smart) or negatively (as too expensive or stressful).
3. Opinion: "*Electric cars are too expensive.*" Support: Average EVs cost more than \$40,000. Challenge: Prices are dropping as technology improves and used EVs become available.

Teacher Notes

- **Skill emphasis:** Facts are statements that can be proven true/false with evidence; opinions are beliefs, judgments, or preferences.
- Accept varied choices if students can justify them logically.
- Extension activity: Have students write **two factual statements** and **two opinion statements** about another modern technology (e.g., smartphones, solar panels).