

Name _____

Opinion Filter Answer Key

1. S - Fact: They worked hard to prepare.
2. O - Opinion: "Most exciting" shows personal judgment.
3. S - Fact: Students practiced, built props, and painted scenery.
4. O - Opinion: "Perfect place" shows personal judgment.
5. S - Fact: Families came to watch.
6. S - Fact: The play went smoothly and the audience clapped.
7. O - Opinion: "Colorful and creative" reflects personal judgment.
8. O - Opinion: "Fantastic job" shows a value statement.
9. S - Fact: The play lasted about one hour.
10. O - Opinion: "Prettiest" is a judgment, not a fact.

Challenge Question (Sample Answer):

Summaries must be free of opinions so they tell only the main ideas and facts of the text. This helps readers understand what really happened, not just how someone felt about it.

Teacher Notes

- Students often mix personal reactions into summaries. This exercise helps them separate **objective facts** from **subjective opinions**.
- A good check: Ask, "*Can everyone agree this happened?*" If yes, it's a summary detail. If not, it's an opinion.
- Encourage students to share one opinion about the story **after** writing their factual summary, so they see the difference clearly.
- Extension: Have students rewrite one of the opinions into a fact-based sentence (e.g., change "The gym was the perfect place" into "The play was performed in the gym").