



Fact vs. Opinion in Research

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.8 - Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.

Cues	Notes
What is a fact?	Facts are statements that can be proven true or false.
What is reasoned judgment?	Reasoned judgment is a conclusion based on evidence and logical reasoning.
What is speculation?	Speculation is a guess or hypothesis without solid evidence.
How can you identify facts in a text?	Look for signal words and phrases, and check the evidence supporting statements.
Why is it important to distinguish these elements?	Distinguishing these elements helps in understanding the credibility and reliability of information.

Summary

Understanding how to distinguish facts, reasoned judgments, and speculation in texts is crucial for critical reading and evaluating information.