

Mixed Statements

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PART I – Directions: Read the following paragraph and then answer the questions using complete sentences.

¹Walt Disney will always be known for his cartoons and animated films. ²Several other artists who are less well known have also worked at the Disney studios. ³Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston worked on many animated movies, including *Pinocchio*, *Snow White*, and *The Fox and the Hound*.

1. Does the paragraph contain facts, opinions, or both?

2. What makes the first sentence an opinion?

3. The second sentence has both fact and opinion. Write the part of the sentence that is a fact.

4. Is the third sentence a fact or an opinion? How do you know?

5. What other things might Walt Disney be known for?

You will seldom read any writing that is either all fact or all opinion. Usually, there will be both facts and opinions in a single sentence.

The first sentence in the paragraph above is an opinion because it is about the future. The third sentence is a statement of fact. You could prove whether Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston were artists who worked on those movies. But the second sentence contains both fact and opinion. You could prove whether "Several other artists ... have also worked at the Disney studios." The middle part of the sentence, however, is an opinion. You could not prove "who are less well-known" to be true or false.

PART II – Directions: The sentences below are examples of all three types of statements. On the blanks, write **F** if the sentence is a statement of fact that can be proved true or false. Write **O** if the sentence is an opinion. If the sentence is a mixed statement, write **M** on the blank and underline the part that is opinion.

_____ 1. *Pinocchio* was made in 1937, and *Snow White* in 1940; those were called the "golden years of animated movies."

_____ 2. *Pinocchio* cost 2.8 million dollars to make, which was a great deal of money to spend on a motion picture in those days.

- _____ 3. One thousand people worked on the film, and the artists made 2.5 million drawings.
- _____ 4. Walt Disney was devoted to the quality of the films made at his studio, and he did everything possible to improve them.
- _____ 5. Disney built a zoo at his studio, and his artists studied the animals raised there.
- _____ 6. The main character in *Bambi* was a baby deer; the character was based on a real fawn raised at the zoo.
- _____ 7. For *The Fox and the Hound*, which is one of the best Disney films, the artist used his own pet fox for a model.
- _____ 8. Disney artists also act out the movements of animals, even though they look foolish to studio visitors.
- _____ 9. Walt Disney himself once demonstrated how a dancing bear would look.

PART III – Directions: Read the article below. Think about which statements are facts or opinions.

Would you pay \$40,000 for Justin Bieber's hair? Justin Bieber's hair is officially the stuff of legend. His hair clippings have sold for more than \$40,000 on eBay. After the 17-year-old pop sensation chopped off some of his famous locks, he brought the clippings to the *Ellen* show, and host Ellen DeGeneres put them on eBay. When the bidding ended, the clippings went for \$40,668. The proceeds are being donated to The Gentle Barn, which rescues neglected and abused animals and uses them to help disadvantaged kids. Bieber's magic touch continues. He's got two albums in the top five on the U.S. album chart this week, and his movie, *Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (3-D)*, has grossed almost \$70 million at the box office since its release last month.

In the spaces below, write three facts and three opinions from the article. Use complete sentences.

| Facts | Opinions |
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