

Fact or Opinion?

The Uganda Railroad stretched 500 miles. The jungle it cut through was too scary and dangerous. One of those sentences is a fact, something that can be proved. The other is an opinion, an expression of an individual's thoughts or beliefs. But how do you tell the difference? Ask yourself, which one can you measure, test, or otherwise prove? That's the fact. And which one might sound different depending who says it? That one is an opinion.

Directions: Circle **F** for fact or **O** for opinion on the railroad tie by each statement below.

1. The Tsavo Forest is in present-day Kenya.

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2. The lions lacked their natural prey due to drought and disease.

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3. No one would want to work in the snake-infested jungle where the railroad workers cut a path.

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4. Over nine months, two lions killed 135 men.

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5. Colonel Patterson did the right thing by shooting the lions.

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6. Mombasa was a beautiful, dazzling city.

7. Inghan Singh's tentmates witnessed the lions attack on him.

8. The lions acted like devils.

9. The lions are now on display at the Field Museum in Chicago.

10. Humans suffered more than lions in the events of 1898.