

IDENTIFY TRUE AND FALSE

- 1 You may be asked to say if a **statement is true or false**. To do this, you need to **read the text carefully** to look for **clues**. You may have to look for **key words** in the text that are **similar in meaning** to the words in the question.

Sir Mo Farah is one of the UK's greatest athletes. He won two Olympic Gold medals in 2012 and two more in 2016, in both the 5,000 m and 10,000 m races. He has retired from track racing now and runs marathons.

Q: Tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
1. Mo Farah won three gold medals in total.		
2. He doesn't race on tracks now.		
3. He only won medals for 5,000 m races.		

Good answer: 1. *False*; 2. *True*; 3. *False*

- 2 How do you work out whether something is **true** or **false**?

- **Look at the text.** Use **skimming** and **scanning** to find the part that contains the answer. For the first statement in the table, you need to look for information about medals.
- When you find the correct place, e.g. the word *medal* in the text, **read the text around it carefully**.
- Look for **parts of the statement** that don't match the text.
- For example, in this text it says that Mo Farah *won two medals in 2012 and two more in 2016*. This means he won **four** medals in total, so the statement saying he won only **three** medals is wrong, or false.



TOP TIP



Look for evidence to prove or disprove the statement. If you can't find anything wrong with the statement, then it must be true!

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You might see similar words, but this doesn't mean the statement is true. Check the meaning of the text carefully.

NOW YOU TRY!

Adele is a very famous English singer and songwriter. She has sold millions of records and is very rich. Her album 21 has sold over 31 million copies worldwide.

Tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Adele is only famous in the UK.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
She is from Wales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
She has made a lot of money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



TOP TIP



Look for **words with similar meanings** to help you.

PRACTISE AGAIN!

Colchester is one of the oldest towns in Britain. It is in the east of England. It was a very important Roman city, and later the Normans built a castle which you can visit today. There is also an interesting zoo, which is a popular tourist attraction.

Tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Colchester is an ancient place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Normans used the Roman castle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People only visit because of the history.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



QUICK QUIZ: IDENTIFY FACT AND OPINION; IDENTIFY TRUE AND FALSE

1 Read the statements. Tick the ones you could prove. **Underline** the ones that are an **opinion**.

A

The Indian Ocean is 74 million km².



B

I think it's important to protect wildlife.

C

Some of the most beautiful animals in the world live in Africa.

2 Read the **facts** and **opinions**. Match them to the correct animal by writing a letter on each answer line.



FACT

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OPINION

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A

These animals have brightly coloured feathers.

B

It would be scary if one of them chased you!

C

These animals are fish. They live in rivers in South America.

D

I wouldn't like to go swimming with one!

E

These animals can weigh up to 2,500 kg.

F

I think they look very beautiful.

- 3 Read the quiz. Use the text to help you work out whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

Shark facts!

Sharks are amazing animals! They have been on earth for over 400 million years, so they are one of the oldest animals. Some people think that all sharks will attack you, but this isn't true. Lots of sharks don't attack people, and some are very shy.

Their sense of smell is excellent, and they have very good vision in the dark as well. Instead of bones they have cartilage, which is softer.

What do you know about

sharks?



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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | True | False |
| a All sharks are dangerous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b Sharks have an excellent sense of smell. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Sharks don't have bones. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d Sharks can't see very well in the dark. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

True False

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



- 4 Read the text about sharks again. Find **two** more facts about sharks.

- 1
- 2



Wow, you're making great progress!

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