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.

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<td>2. He doesn’t race on tracks now.</td>
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<td>3. He only won medals for 5,000 m races.</td>
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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.
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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 ........................
   - OPINION ........................

   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.
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.

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**What do you know about sharks?**

- All sharks are dangerous.  
- Sharks have an excellent sense of smell.  
- Sharks don’t have bones.  
- Sharks can’t see very well in the dark.

**True**  
**False**

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Read the text about sharks again. Find two more facts about sharks.

1. .......................................................... ..........................................................
2. .......................................................... ..........................................................

**Wow, you’re making great progress!**

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