Fact and Opinion

Directions  Read the article. Then answer the questions below.

Redwood National Park is a great place to visit where you can see some very tall trees. Some of the trees stand hundreds of feet tall. Besides being tall, the trees can also be very old. In fact, redwood trees can live for 2,000 years. I think it is very impressive that these old, great trees grow from tiny seeds.

The park’s location near the Pacific Ocean helps the trees stay healthy. The trees soak in the water that is in the air, which keeps them alive in case of drought.

Other kinds of plants grow in the park as well. Douglas fir, western hemlock, ferns, and mosses all grow in the same soil as the massive redwood trees. This means that the soil is rich in nutrients from the different kinds of plants growing there.

If you love trees, you will love Redwood National Park.

1. How do you know the last sentence is a statement of opinion?

2. Write an example of another statement of opinion in the passage.

3. Write an example of a statement of fact in the passage.

4. Which part of the first sentence is a statement of fact and which part is opinion?

5. On a separate sheet of paper, write one statement of fact and one statement of opinion about a natural place you have visited.

Home Activity  Your child read a short passage and identified statements of fact and opinion. Talk to your child about the events of your day. Use statements of fact and opinion. Have your child identify which statements were facts and which were opinions.