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## Fact or Opinion

**Directions:** Read each statement and then circle whether it is a fact or opinion. If it's a fact, explain how it can be proven. If it is an opinion, simply write that it cannot be proven.

1. Basketball is a much more exciting sport than golf.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cristiano Ronaldo was the highest earning athlete in 2017.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

3. In general, professional athletes are overpaid.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

4. There are more head and spinal injuries each year from cheerleading than all other sports combined.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Athletes are role models and should conduct themselves accordingly in the public eye.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

6. According to the MLB rule book, there are nine innings in a game of baseball.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

7. The Dallas Cowboys have a terrible defensive line.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Statistically speaking, the 1976 Buccaneers have the worst record in the NFL having gone 0-14.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

9. With dark blue mesh and bright orange text, the Chicago Bears have the ugliest uniform in the NFL.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Aroldis Chapman threw the fastest pitch recorded in a major league game at 105 MPH.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Spitting in your hand before you pick up a baseball bat gives you good luck.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Mary Lou Retton was the first American to win the gold medal in the Women's All-Around event.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

13. The New York Yankees have won more World Series titles than any other team in baseball.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

14. NASCAR racing is not a real sport since you don't use your muscles to compete.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Women's basketball games are not as aggressive or exciting as men's basketball games.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Football is a more physical game than soccer because it requires more upper body strength.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Playing football is one of the most dangerous things that a high school student can do.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Barry Bonds holds the record for most homeruns in a season.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

19. The average salary for a quarterback in the NFL in 2009 was 15 million dollars.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

20. John Elway is still the greatest quarterback in NFL history.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Cheerleading is not a sport.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Soccer is more difficult to play than other sports because you cannot use your hands.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

23. The average salary for a player on the Yankees is over six million dollars.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Large salaries and overpaid athletes are spoiling the purity of sporting competitions.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Since they make the most money, NBA players are the most spoiled of all athletes.

Fact or Opinion How can this be proven? \_\_\_\_\_