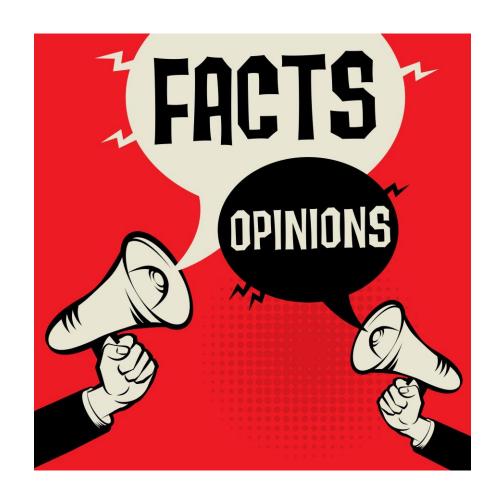




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1. Identifying Fact and Opinion



What is an Opinion?

- Feelings or thoughts about a certain issue.
- Personal viewpoint based on one's experiences.
- We express opinions all the time throughout our day-to-day conversations.

- I really hate the weather here. It's too cold.
- I like tea more than coffee, thanks.
- I didn't like the latest Marvel film. What about you?
- I had a good day at work.

Fact

The capital city of Thailand is Bangkok.

German is located in Central Europe.

This chair is made of wood.

Opinion

I would like to visit Cardiff.

We can find the best food in Thailand.

People in China are very friendly.

Identify Fact and Opinion

- 1. Paper originated from China.
- 2. The Eiffel Tower is beautiful.
- 3. Spain has the best climate.
- 4. Brazil is named after a tree.



- 6. I am 12 years old.
- 7. The first sailing boats were built in Egypt.



2. How to Express Opinion Clearly



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An opinion usually has three parts:

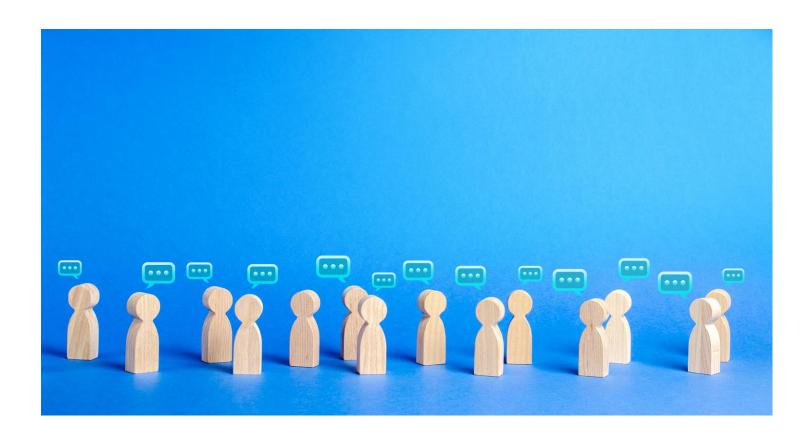
- 1. An opening phrase or statement that clarifies your opinion
- 2. One or more reasons that explain 'why'
- 3. A conclusion that ends the discussion or a question

* The conclusion is something we often skip while speaking, but it's important when we're writing our opinions in an essay.

2. How to Express Opinion Clearly

Let's take talking about the weather, for example:

- I really hate summer weather (opening statement).
- It's hot and humid (reason #1).
- It makes me feel tired and unproductive (reason #2).
- I don't feel like working or doing anything much (reason #3).
- So I don't look forward to summer (conclusion).



- I think + sentence.
- I feel (like/that) + sentence.
- I believe that + sentence.
- What I mean is that + sentence.
- I'd say (that) + sentence.
- It seems to me (that) + sentence.
- It strikes me (that) + sentence.
- I tend to think (that) + sentence.
- I might be wrong but + sentence.



- In my opinion, + sentence.
- If you ask me/my opinion, + sentence.



- Personally, + sentence.
- From my (point of view/ perspective), + sentence.
- To my mind, + sentence.
- As far as I'm concerned, + sentence.
- To my way of thinking, + sentence.
- As/ The way I see it, + sentence.



3. Useful Phrases to Express Opinion

Add strength by adding an adverb or adjective.

For example:

- I *really* think...
- I *strongly* believe...
- I *truly* feel...
- In my *honest* opinion...



"In my honest opinion, Bangkok has the best street food."

- So do I.
- Me too.
- Definitely.
- I agree. or
- I couldn't agree more.
- I agree with you.

- I disagree!
- I don't agree. or
- Yeah, but...

- Yes, definitely!
- I feel the same way.
- That's a very valid point.
- I think what you said is true.
- You're right!

- I see your point, but...
- That's a valid point, but...
- But what/how about...
- No offense, but...
- With all due respect...
- I understand, but I personally think/feel...

- I'm afraid I've never been interested in
- I'm afraid I'm not very keen on
- I'm afraid I don't know much about
- I'm sorry, I'm not familiar with that topic.
- I'm sorry. I'm completely unfamiliar with that topic.
- I haven't really thought about that.



So do I !!

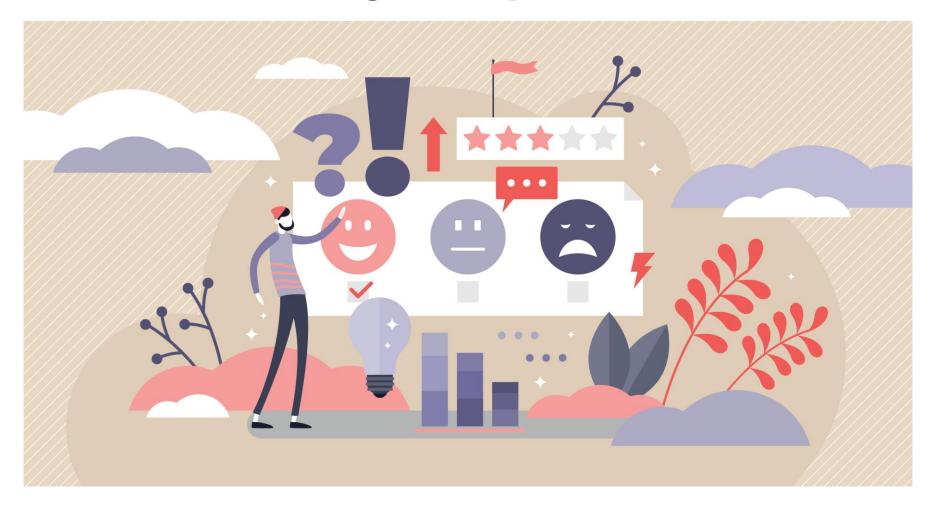
We use so/neither + auxiliary verb + I to show that we have something in common with another person.

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I am hungry. > So am I.
I like Ironman. > So do I.
I'm not angry. > Neither am I.
I don't like that movie. > Neither do I.
John liked that subject. > So did Jay.
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- 1. I like sports. > _____ I.
- 2. I love painting. > _____I.
- 3. I'm late for work. > _____ I.
- 4. I don't have a dog. > _____ I.
- 5. I didn't do my report. > _____ I.
- 6. I'm going out tonight. > _____ I.
- 7. Janie plays tennis. > _____ Alice.
- 8. Ben is sleepy. > _____ lvy.
- 9. Sam doesn't like coffee. > ____ Miki.



4. Asking for Opinions



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- What do you think of…?
- What are your thoughts on…?
- How do you feel about…?
- What's your opinion on...?



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Emily: I think learning a new language has made a huge difference in my life.

Guy: I agree. To my mind, studying a bit every day has helped me stay on track.

Emily: That's right, but I don't think that approach will work for me.

Guy: Oh? Why not?

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Emily: Because I'm too tired to do anything else by the time I get home. So I do most of my studying on the weekends. And I try to watch films with subtitles to have fun and practice my listening skills.

Guy: I see. We have different learning styles and we have to make the best of the time that we have.

Emily: Yes, absolutely!



Fact or Opinion?

- 1. There are 50 states in the United States. _____
- 2. Sir Ian McKellan played Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit franchises. _____
- 3. Watching someone dance is more entertaining than watching someone sing. _____
 - 4. The pH levels in acids are lower than pH levels in alkaline.
 - 5. Beethoven's reputation as a virtuoso pianist is overrated.
 - 6. The legal age for drinking should be lowered to 16. _____

A: Do you think that Bangkok is ___7__?

B: Yes, I believe that. Food and clothes

are very cheap and _____8____.

A: What do you think about the idea that there are too many people living in Bangkok?

B: I don't think so. There are a lot of people but the city is always busy and exciting.

7.

a. a bad place to avoid

b. a great place to live

c. the best place for wildlife me some questions?

d. my destination

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- a. I don't want to move to that place
- b. I get bored easily
- c. It's too noisy and dirty
- d. it's easy to travel around the city

A: The city council is going to build a new parking site under the park over there. I think it's a very good idea. We really need more parking sites.

B: ____9 but not under the park.

A: Why not? It's the best place.

B: Do you think so? Don't you think trees are more important than cars?

A: Of course I agree, but ____10___.

B: Yes, that's right. But they can do it near the station.

9.

a. Too bad,

b. Really,

c. Well, I agree with that,

d. Couldn't agree more,

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- a. we all have cars, and we need a place to park them.
- b. I think you're lying
- c. we all need somewhere for our kids to play around.
- d. is that right?

