



St Matthew's Academy Helpsheets

Fact and Opinion

It is important that you can tell the difference between **FACT** and **OPINION**.

A **FACT** is something that is undoubtably true and can be backed up by evidence.

An **OPINION** is simply someone's own view.

Paris is the capital of France.	FACT
Paris is the most beautiful city in Europe	OPINION
Odsonne Edouard is currently the SPFL's top goalscorer	FACT
Sam Cosgrove is the best football player in the Scotland	OPINION
Spaghetti is a type of pasta	FACT
Spaghetti is the hardest pasta to eat	OPINION

Any of the above **FACTS** can be found in books and on The Internet. This cannot be said of the **OPINIONS**. We often base our opinions on facts we know.

In our daily lives when many of us use social media we have to be aware of **OPINIONS** and **GUESSES** being posted as well as **FACTS** especially if using the information for research purposes.

It is essential to remember that if using someone else's **OPINION** in our work that we acknowledge this fact through **referencing**.