Differences between facts and opinions

An important part of reading comprehension is determining what a **fact** is and what an **opinion** is.

* A **fact** is something that is true and correct no matter what. For example: ‘The world is round’ or ‘the heart, lungs and liver, are examples of internal organs of a human body. A fact is something which can be verified with evidence, for example, the river which flows through London is called the Thames.
* An **opinion**, however, is a statement based on beliefs and one's own views; it tells how someone feels. They are often personal interpretations and cannot be verified with evidence. For example, 'summer evenings are nicer than winter evenings'. Opinions are often (though not always) preceded with terms such as 'I think'. An opinion is not always true and cannot be proven. For example: North Beckton is the best school in Newham.