

## Reading

LO Code	Learning Outcome	Specific Learning Outcomes	Level
R 7.6	I can distinguish between fact and opinion.	I can read and understand unfamiliar text and distinguish between fact and opinion by selecting the facts (ticking, underlining, highlighting)	6
		I can read and understand unfamiliar text and distinguish between fact and opinion by selecting and listing the facts and giving the reason for the choice.	7

### ASSESSMENT

Level 6 – 7: Students will read a passage, distinguish between fact and opinion, select facts from the passage and give reasons for their choice.

### Example of task

**Topic: Fact and Opinion**

**Procedure: Students read three different texts (chat, advertisement, article) and identify parts that express facts and parts that express opinion.**

**Level 6-7 Task: (25 marks)**

### Task 1: Football [5 marks]

Look at the chat below. Are the statements FACTS or OPINION? Label it by writing FACT or OPINION in the boxes. 5 marks [      ]

The chat conversation on the smartphone screen contains the following statements:

- a. Did you catch the match on Saturday? I didn't go but I saw it on TV.
- b. It was only the first match!
- c. It was a good match. It's going to be a great season!
- d. Yes – but the score was 3-1.
- e. Only because the referee was rubbish!

Below the chat screen, there is a statement: "I thought it was a foul." which is not labeled with a letter.

Adapted from [bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://bbc.co.uk/skillswise)

### Task 1: A Hotel Advertisement (8 marks)

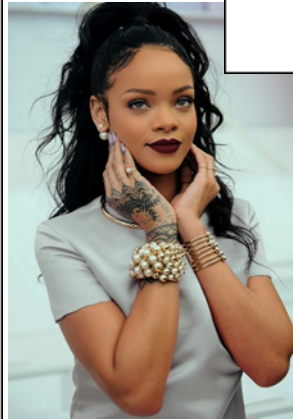


Feel great as you relax on our sandy beach and cool off in the crystal clear water!

# SUNNY SANDS

**The best place to holiday.**

The hotel is right on the beach.  
It's close to Fun Land Theme Park.  
You'll surely have a great holiday.



SUNNY SANDS HOTEL  
BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN.

5-STAR hotel  
250 rooms  
2 swimming pools  
3 restaurants  
Games Room

I just loved Sunny Sands  
Hotel. It was beautiful and  
comfortable.

A. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion. 5 marks [      ]

	FACT	OPINION
1. There are 250 rooms in the hotel.		
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.		
3. It is the best place to holiday.		
4. The hotel is right on the beach.		
5. You will feel great relaxing on the sand.		

B. What is Rihanna's opinion of the Sunny Sands Hotel?

2 marks [     ]

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C. Find two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A.

2 marks [     ]

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### **TASK 3: A World Traveller (11 marks)**



Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is in Asia. Mount Everest's peak is five and a half miles above sea level. That is very high!

Many climbers have tried to climb to the top of Mount Everest's 29,141-foot peak. About 900 people have managed to reach Mount Everest's top.

One of the successful climbers, who I greatly admire, is Erik Weihenmayer. He is an American athlete. I admire him because he is blind but still faced strong winds, snow and avalanches as he climbed. Erik became blind when he was 13 and he began climbing at age 16. He has climbed many tall mountains. Erik became the first blind person to reach the peak of Mount Everest. I think he is a very brave person.

At the age of 32, Erik began his climb with 19 other people. His team wore bells that he could follow during his climb, and fellow climbers were quick to warn him of danger. In my opinion, this was a great idea to keep him safe.

During his climb, Erik encountered many dangers such as strong winds and falling rocks. To help him breathe as he climbed higher, Erik wore an oxygen mask. It took Erik about two-and-a half months to reach the top of this mountain but he was courageous enough to do it.

*Adapted from Scholastic Success with Reading Comprehension.*

**1. Write F for FACT or O for OPINION**

(3 marks)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik must be a very courageous person.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik is blind.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ All climbers should use climbing poles and ice axes.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik is an American athlete.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik's oxygen mask helped him to breathe.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik ought to be proud of his achievement.

**2. From the passage, find two facts about Mount Everest.**

(2 marks)

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**3. Erik used long climbing poles and an ice axe on the mountain.**

(2 marks)

a. Is this a fact or an opinion? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Give a reason for your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What does the writer think about Erik? Choose the correct answer.**

**(2 mark)**

- a. He is foolish.
- b. He is strong and daring.
- c. He is shy and reserved.

**5. Does the writer think bells were a good idea for the team of climbers to use? Quote the phrase that shows you this.**

**(2 marks)**

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**Mark Scheme.**

### TASK 1 – 5 marks

Look at the chat below. Are the statements FACTS or OPINION? Label it by writing FACT or OPINION in the boxes.

(1 x5=5 marks)

a. Fact

b. Fact

c. Opinion

d. Fact

e. Opinion

### TASK 2 – 8 marks

Read the holiday advert and then work out the following exercises.

A. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion.

(1 x 5= 5 marks)

	FACT	OPINION
1. There are 250 rooms in the hotel.	✓	
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.	✓	
3. It is the best place to holiday.		✓
4. The hotel is right on the beach.	✓	
5. You will feel great relaxing on the sand.		✓

B. What is Rihanna's opinion of the Sunny Sands Hotel?

(1 mark)

**She thinks it is beautiful and comfortable.**

C. Find two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A. (1x2=2 marks)



*Accept any two of the following.*

**It is close to Fun Land Theme Park / It has 3 restaurants / It has a games room /It is in Spain/ It is a 5 star hotel.**

**TASK 3 – 10 marks**

1. Write F for FACT or O for OPINION      [½ mark x 6=3 marks]

a. O Erik must be a very courageous person.

b. F Erik is blind.

c. O All climbers should use climbing poles and ice axes.

d. F Erik is an American athlete.

e. F Erik's oxygen mask helped him to breathe.

f. O Erik ought to be proud of his achievement.

2. From the passage, find two facts about Mount Everest.

*Accept any of the following:*

(1 mark x2=2 marks)

- It is the highest mountain in the world.
- It is in Asia.
- Its peak is 1.5 miles above sea level.
- Approximately 29,141-foot peak.

3. Erik used long climbing poles and an ice axe on the mountain. (1x2=2 marks)

a. Is this a fact or an opinion? **FACT**

b. Give a reason for your answer: **It is known to be true not just what a person thinks.** (Accept any similar answer)

4. What does the writer think about Erik? Choose the correct answer. (2 mark)

**b. He is strong and daring.**

5. Does the writer think bells were a good idea for the team of climbers to use? Quote the phrase that shows you this. (1 x2=2 marks)

**Yes. "In my opinion, this was a great idea to keep him safe."**

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		I can read and understand unfamiliar text and note down language indicators for fact and opinion.	8

### ASSESSMENT

**Level 7 – 8: Students will read a passage, distinguish between fact and opinion, giving reasons for their choice, select facts from the passage and note the language indicators used to state facts or express opinion.**

#### Example of task

**Topic: Travelling**

**Procedure: Students read three different texts (advert, brochure, article) and identify parts that express facts and parts that express opinion.**

**Level 7-8 Tasks: Fact and Opinion [25 marks]**

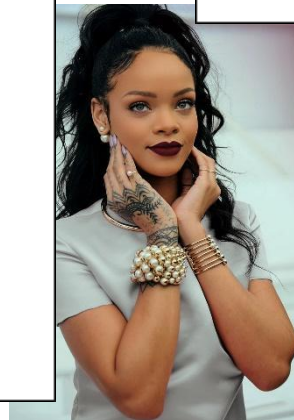
**Task 1: A Hotel Advertisement (8 marks)**



# SUNNY SANDS

**The best place to holiday.**

The hotel is right on the beach.  
It's close to Fun Land Theme Park.  
You'll surely have a great holiday.



You'll be in seventh heaven! Relax on our sandy beach and cool off in the crystal clear water!

## SUNNY SANDS HOTEL BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN.

- 5-STAR hotel
- 250 rooms
- 2 swimming pools
- 3 restaurants
- Games Room

I just loved Sunny Sands Hotel. It was peaceful, private and comfortable.

**Read the holiday advert and then work out the following exercises.**

A. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion. 5 marks [      ]

	FACT	OPINION
1. There are 250 rooms in the hotel.		
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.		
3. It is the best place to holiday.		
4. The hotel is right on the beach.		
5. You will feel relaxed during your stay.		

B. What is Rihanna's opinion of the Sunny Sands Hotel? 1 mark [      ]

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C. Find two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A. 2 marks [      ]

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**Task 2: Holiday Brochure [7 marks]**

## DUBROVNIK- THE PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

### *Saturday:-*

Today we will go on an interesting full-day excursion where we will visit three islands, situated near Dubrovnik, a city in Croatia. The water is the most beautiful you will ever see and you will surely enjoy a cool swim during this excursion.

We will board a boat and our first stop will be in Kolocep Island, the southern-most inhabited island in Croatia. It is locally known as Kalamota. We will then proceed to Ipan Island, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands. Here we will have some mouthwatering fish which you will enjoy eating.

Later, we will visit our last island, Lopud. It is the smallest island. There we will enjoy a pleasant walk along the seafront where there are numerous shops and restaurants.



**Read the holiday brochure questions.**



**and answer the**

**A. Find one fact about each of these islands:**

**(3 marks)**

ISLAND	FACT
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1. Kolocep	
2. Ipan	
3. Lopud	

**B. Fill in the table below by stating whether the phrase is a fact or opinion. Give a reason for your answer.**

(4 marks)

Phrase	Fact/Opinion	Reason
i) <i>"The water is the most beautiful you will ever see"</i>		
ii) <i>"three islands, situated near Dubrovnik, a city in Croatia."</i>		

### **TASK 3: A World Traveller (10 MARKS)**



Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. The mountain is located in Asia. Asia is home to all five of the world's highest mountains. Mount Everest's peak is five and one-half miles above sea level. That is very high!

Many climbers have tried to climb to the top of Mount Everest's approximately 29,141-foot peak. About 900 people have survived the climb to Mount Everest's top.

One of the successful climbers, who I greatly admire, is Erik Weißenmayer. He is an American athlete. Like all who try to climb this huge mountain, Erik faced strong winds, snow, and avalanches. However, what really made Erik's climb unbelievable, in my opinion, is the fact that he is blind. After losing his vision at age 13, Erik began climbing at age 16. He has climbed the tallest mountains on five continents. Erik became the first blind person to reach the peak of Mount Everest. I believe that his athletic physique and bravery contributed to his success.

At the age of 32, Erik began his climb as part of a 19-member team. His team wore bells that he could follow during his climb, and fellow climbers were quick to warn him of such things as a big drop on the right or a boulder to the left. Erik also used long climbing poles and an ice axe to feel his way across the ice, rock and snow on the mountain.

During his climb, Erik encountered many dangers. He struggled through 100 m.p.h. winds and sliding masses of snow, ice and rock. As the air became thinner the higher Erik climbed, he wore an oxygen mask, as do many who climb high mountains. This helped him breathe as he climbed higher and higher. It took Erik about two-and-a half months to reach the top of this incredible mountain but he was daring enough to do it. I consider this to be one great feat!

*Adapted from Scholastic Success with Reading Comprehension.*

**1. Write F for FACT or O for OPINION**

(3.5 marks)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik must be a very courageous person.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik is blind.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ All climbers should use climbing poles and ice axes.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik is an American athlete.



e. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik's oxygen mask helped him to breathe.

f. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik used tools to help him climb.

g. \_\_\_\_\_ Erik ought to be proud of his achievement.

**2. From the passage, find three facts about Mount Everest.**

(1.5 marks)

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**3. What climbing tools did Erik use to climb the mountain?**

(1 mark)

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**4. In the last paragraph, what is the writer's opinion of Erik's accomplishment?**

(1 mark)

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**5. Do you think bells are a good idea for all teams of climbers to use? Why or why not?**

(1 mark)

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**6. Quote 2 phrases from paragraph 3 that express the writer's opinion.**

(2 marks)

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### Mark Scheme

#### TASK 1 – 8 marks

Read the holiday advert and then work out the following exercises.

A. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion. (1 x 5= 5 marks)

	FACT	OPINION
1. The hotel has 250 rooms.	✓	
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.	✓	
3. It is the best place to holiday.		✓
4. The hotel is right on the beach.	✓	
5. You will feel relaxed during your stay.		✓

B. What is Rihanna's opinion of the Sunny Sands Hotel? (1 mark)

**She thinks it is peaceful, private and comfortable.**

C. Find two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A. (1x2=2 marks)

*Accept any two of the following.*

**It is close to Fun Land Theme Park / It has 3 restaurants / It has a games room / It is in Spain/ It is a 5 star hotel.**

**TASK 2 – 7 marks****A. Find one fact about each of these islands:** (1x3=3 marks)

ISLAND	FACT
1. Kolocep	<u>The southern-most inhabited island in Croatia./ It is locally known as Kalamota.</u>
2. Ipan	<u>The largest of the Elaphiti Islands.</u>
3. Lopud	<u>It is the smallest island.</u>

**B. Fill in the table below by stating whether the phrase is a fact or opinion. Give a reason for your answer.**

(1 x 4=4 marks)

Phrase	Fact/Opinion	Reason
i) <i>"The water is the most beautiful you will ever see"</i>	<u>Opinion</u>	<u>It tells us what the writer's view of the water is.</u>
ii) <i>"three islands, situated near Dubrovnik, a city in Croatia."</i>	<u>Fact</u>	<u>It gives us the location, something which never changes.</u>

**TASK 3 – 10 marks**

**1. Write F for FACT or O for OPINION** [½ mark x 7=3.5 marks]

- a. O Erik must be a very courageous person.
- b. F Erik is blind.
- c. O All climbers should use climbing poles and ice axes.
- d. F Erik is an American athlete.
- e. F Erik's oxygen mask helped him to breathe.
- f. F Erik used tools to help him climb.
- g. O Erik ought to be proud of his achievement.

**2. From the passage, find three facts about Mount Everest.**

*Accept any of the following:*

(½ mark x3=1.5 marks)

- **It is the highest mountain in the world.**
- **It is in Asia.**
- **Its peak is 1.5 miles above sea level.**
- **Approximately 29,141-foot peak.**

**3. What climbing tools did Erik use to climb the mountain?**

(1 mark)

- **Long climbing poles**

- **An ice axe**

4. In the last paragraph, what is the writer’s opinion of Erik’s accomplishment?

(1 mark)

*Accept any similar answer.*

**He believes it was a great feat.**

**He was very courageous to do it.**

5. Do you think bells are a good idea for all teams of climbers to use? Why or why not?

*Accept any reasonable answer that expresses the reader’s opinion.*

(1 mark)

6. Quote 2 phrases from paragraph 3 that express the writer’s opinion. (1 mark x2= 2 marks)

- **“in my opinion”**

- **“I believe”**

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<b>R 7.6</b>	I can distinguish between fact and opinion.	<b>Specific Learning Outcomes</b> I can read and understand unfamiliar text about a familiar subject and distinguish some examples of fact and opinion (ticking, underlining, highlighting)	<b>Level</b> <b>5</b>
		I can read and understand unfamiliar text and distinguish between fact and opinion by selecting the facts (ticking, underlining, highlighting)	<b>6</b>
		I can read and understand unfamiliar text and distinguish between fact and opinion by selecting and listing the facts and giving the reason for the choice.	<b>7</b>

### ASSESSMENT

**Level 5-6 - 7: Students will read different advertisements, distinguish between fact and opinion, select and list facts from the passage and give reasons for their choice.**

#### Example of task

**Topic: Fact and Opinion in Advertisements**

**Procedure: Students read three different advertisements and identify parts that express facts and parts that express opinion.**

#### **Level 5-6-7 Task: (25 marks)**

##### **Task 1: Advert (5 marks)**

**Look at the advert below. Are the statements FACTS or OPINION? Label the advert by writing FACT or OPINION in the boxes. 5 marks [      ]**

a.

**Shiny Teeth toothpaste**  
gives you the whitest teeth

Everyone loves Shiny Teeth toothpaste

b.

c.

d.

e.

Adapted from [bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://bbc.co.uk/skillswise)

**Task 2: A bicycle advert. (8 marks)**



**It's what everyone wants!**

A fashion statement on wheels!

Multicoloured!

Cushioned saddle!

**Rainbow Cycle!**

Faster than the speed of light!

Safety grip wheels!

Only £75.99!



Taken from: [www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

Read the advertisement above and answer the questions.

**1. List 3 facts mentioned in the advert that describe the Rainbow Cycle. 6 marks (     )**

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**2. Underline the correct answer in the brackets and continue the sentence by giving a reason for your choice. 2 marks (     )**

a. The phrase “It’s what everyone wants” is a/an **(fact / opinion)** because \_\_\_\_\_.

b. “£75.99” is a **(fact / opinion)** because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 3: A Hotel Advertisement (12 marks)**



# SUNNY SANDS

## **The best place to holiday.**

The hotel is right on the beach.

It's close to Fun Land Theme Park.

You'll surely have a great holiday.

You will never forget your holiday at Sunny Sands. It's so much fun.

SUNNY SANDS HOTEL  
BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN.

5-STAR hotel  
250 rooms  
2 swimming pools  
3 restaurants  
Games Room

It's a beautiful hotel  
and the staff are  
friendly and helpful.  
I loved it!



**A. Write FACTS or OPINIONS to complete the definitions.**

2 marks [     ]

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are what you think or believe.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ are true and can be proved.

**B. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion.**

6 marks [     ]

	FACT	OPINION
1. There are 250 rooms in the hotel.		
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.		
3. It is the best place to holiday.		
4. The hotel is right on the beach.		
5. You will feel great relaxing on the sand.		
6. It is close to a theme park.		

B. What does the girl think of Sunny Sands Hotel staff?

2 marks [     ]

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C. Circle two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A.

2 marks [     ]

## **Mark Scheme**

### **Task 1- 5 marks**

Look at the advert below. Are the statements FACTS or OPINION? Label the advert by writing FACT or OPINION in the boxes. (1 x 5=5 marks)

a. Opinion                      b. Fact                      c. Fact                      d. Opinion                      e. Opinion

### **Task 2 – 8 marks**

1. List 3 facts mentioned in the advert that describe the Rainbow Cycle. (2 x 3= 6 marks)

- Multicoloured
- Has a cushioned seat
- Has safety-grip wheels

2. Underline the correct answer in the brackets and continue the sentence by giving a reason for your choice. (1x2=2 marks)

*Accept any similar reasons.*

- a. The phrase “It’s what everyone wants” is a/an (**fact / opinion**) because it tells us what the person who wrote it thinks.
- b. “£75.99” is a/an (**fact / opinion**) because it can be proven to be true.

### **Task 3 – 12 marks**

A. Write FACTS or OPINIONS to complete the definitions.

(1 x 2= 2 marks)

1. **OPINIONS** are what you think or believe.
2. **FACTS** are true and can be proved.

B. Fill in the grid below by ticking the correct column to mark whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion.

(1x6=6 marks)

	FACT	OPINION
1. There are 250 rooms in the hotel.	✓	
2. It is situated on the Balearic Islands.	✓	
3. It is the best place to holiday.		✓
4. The hotel is right on the beach.	✓	
5. You will feel great relaxing on the sand.		✓
6. It is close to a theme park.	✓	

B. What does the girl think of Sunny Sands Hotel staff?

(2 marks)

**They are friendly and helpful.**

C. Circle two other facts in the advert that were not mentioned in Exercise A.

(1 x 2= 2 marks)

*Accept any 2 of the following.*

It is a 5-star hotel/ It has a games room/ It has 3 restaurants/It has 2 swimming pools.