Fact, Opinion, and Evidence

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Some people say skate parks are too loud. Others say gardens are boring. No one can prove which one is more fun. These are opinions, and people will keep arguing about them. But the vote will depend on facts, too. A skate park costs more money than the town has saved.

In my view, the town should build both, one at a time. A garden could open first because it costs less. The skate park could come later, once the town saves more money. That plan would be fair to everyone.

1. Which sentence is a fact from the text?
   - That plan would be fair to everyone.
   - Skating is the best way to stay active.
   - A garden would cost about fifteen thousand dollars.
   - A garden would bring the whole town together.

2. Which sentence is Mrs. Chen's opinion?
   - Skating is the best way to stay active.
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3. Jayden says kids skate in the library parking lot. How could you check this?
   - read Mrs. Chen's words again
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4. Which fact supports Jayden's point that the library lot is not safe?
   - The nearest garden is in Pine Grove.
   - The Hill Street lot is the size of two courts.
   - About three hundred cars park there each day.
   - The council will vote on May 3.

5. Which word in 'Skating is the best way to stay active' signals an opinion?
active way skating best

6. The writer says, 'These are opinions.' Which statements is the writer talking about?
The council will vote on the third of May.
The town has saved fifty thousand dollars.
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The lot is the size of two basketball courts.

7. Which fact shows a problem with building the skate park right now?
It costs more than the town has saved.
Kids skate in the library lot now.
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