Fact and Opinion

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle whether each sentence is a fact or an opinion.

READ THIS FIRST

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Why do birds hit windows? Birds do not understand glass the way people do. During the day, a clear window reflects trees and sky. To a bird, the reflection looks like more forest. At night, lights shining through windows can draw in birds that travel in the dark. Either way, the bird does not see a wall until it is too late.

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My second reason is that the fix works. Researchers have tested window patterns in special flight tunnels. Birds avoided glass covered with small dots spaced about two inches apart. The dots break up the reflection, so birds see a solid surface. The patterns come on a thin film that sticks to the outside of the glass, and workers can put it up in a single day. One college added dot film to its glass and counted far fewer birds below its windows the next year.

My third reason is that this project would teach students to care about nature. I am sure students would feel proud every time they walked past the windows. Caring for wildlife is the most important lesson a school can teach.

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