Fact and Opinion

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the sentence that is an opinion.

READ THIS FIRST

Fill Up, Don't Throw Away

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Second, students would drink more water. Right now, our fountains are slow, and the water is often warm. Many students skip a drink rather than wait in line. A filling station chills the water and fills a bottle in about ten seconds. Students could keep a full bottle on their desks all day. Doctors say that drinking enough water helps people stay alert and think clearly.

Third, filling stations would save families money. A bottle of water costs one dollar in our cafeteria. A student who buys one every school day spends about 180 dollars in a year. A reusable bottle costs much less than that, and it can last for years.

Some people say filling stations cost too much for our school. That is a fair point. A new station costs more than a plain fountain. However, our parent group has already offered to raise half the money with a fun run. Lincoln Middle School across town added two stations last year. Each station has a counter that shows how many plastic bottles it has replaced. Their counters now show more than 8,000 bottles saved.

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