



Fact vs. Opinion Basketball



Materials:

- small trash can that is empty
- Soft ball (small enough to make it into trash can)
- Question Page cut into strips
- Area to keep score (chalk board, white board, paper)
- Vinyl Tape for Floor or lines on the floor (one will be worth 2 points, the other worth 3)

Directions:

1. First you must teach students the basic differences between fact and opinion.
2. Split class into two teams and have them create two lines.
3. Place small trash can in front of room and use the tape to mark a line 3 feet away and one 4 feet away.
4. Explain to the students that the first person on each team will be racing to answer the question for a chance to shoot a free throw.
5. Show one sentence strip to the first two people in the row. The first student to correctly identify whether it is fact or opinion gets to shoot a free throw.
6. The student gets to decide which line they will shoot from. The 2 point line is closer than the 3 point line.
7. They get one attempt. If they make the shot they get the points according to which line they stood at.
8. The two students that were first go to the end of the line and the game continues until you run out of sentences or everyone has had equal turns (your choice).
9. The team with the most points is considered the winner.

*If you choose not to have winners in your classroom then do not keep track of score.

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I think that the park is fun.

Spiders are considered
arachnids.

Toby has brown hair.

All students should see the
new movie about kids.

The football game was
awesome!

The score of the football
game was 56-24.

I thought the movie was good.

The movie sold out in 15 minutes.

George Washington was the greatest president.

Jason Aldean is a singer.

Eli Manning is the best quarterback in the NFL.

Mathew Stafford plays for the Detroit Lions.

Washington D.C. is the capital of the USA.

Detroit is the worst city to live in.

Math is the easiest subject in school.

Reading is something everyone likes.

Whales are in the mammal group.

All dogs are mean.

The Disney Channel is liked by all kids.

Second grade students start to learn fractions.

Cats have four legs.

Dogs are a man's best friend.

When you mix blue and yellow you get green.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President.

Basketball is the most popular sport.