A statement of fact can be proved true or false. You can prove it by checking a book, asking someone who knows, or seeing for yourself.

A statement of opinion tells someone’s ideas or feelings. Clue words like best, beautiful, and should show someone’s opinions.

Examples:

George Washington was the 1st president of the U.S. Fact (this can be proven true)

George Washington was the best president this country ever had. Opinion (this cannot be proven; it is someone’s opinion—the clue word best helps to identify it)