

Fact and Opinion - 2

Which statement in the paragraph is an opinion?

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The Dell and Gates foundations were extremely generous in their contribution to Texas schools. The research cited in the Nov. 12 Page One article was pleasing. High schools are too large and too impersonal. So are middle schools, for that matter.

As a middle school teacher, I have been fortunate to teach in a school that creates a "school within a school" atmosphere by using core teams and block scheduling.

But it's all coming to an end this year. Why? Funding. The new system will be less than ideal for students! *(adapted from The Dallas Morning News)*

The excerpt above was found in *The Dallas Morning News*. It is made up of

- A. mostly facts.
 - B. all facts.
 - C. equal amounts of facts and opinions
 - D. mostly opinions
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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is an independent agency of the U.S. government with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It was established in 1970 to reduce and control air and water pollution, noise pollution, and radiation and to ensure the safe handling and disposal of toxic substances. The EPA engages in research, monitoring, and the setting and enforcement of national standards. It administers the Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, popularly called "Superfund," an act aimed at restoring toxic waste sites by making the responsible parties finance their cleanup. It also issues statements on the impact of operations of other federal agencies that are detrimental to environmental quality, and it supports the antipollution activities of states, municipalities, and public and private groups.

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