**Fact or Opinion**

**Directions:** Read each statement and then decide whether it is a fact or opinion. If it’s a fact, explain how it can be proven. If it is an opinion, simply write that it cannot be proven.

**Examples:**

**Pele is the best Brazilian soccer player of all time. Opinion. Can’t be proven.**

**Football, hockey, and soccer are the top three sports for concussions. Fact, it could be verified or disproven by looking up concussion stats on the three sports.**

1. Basketball is a much more exciting sport than golf.

2. Tiger Woods is still the top earning athlete in the world.

3. In general, professional athletes are overpaid.

4. In 2010, there were more spinal injuries in cheerleading than in all other sports combined.

5. Athletes are role models and should conduct themselves accordingly in the public eye.

6. According to the MLB rule book, there are nine innings in a game of baseball.

7. The Dallas Cowboys have a terrible defensive line.

8. Statistically speaking, the 1976 Buccaneers have the worst record in the NFL having gone 0-14.

9. With dark blue mesh and bright orange text, the Chicago Bears have the ugliest uniform in the NFL.

10. Aroldis Chapman threw the fastest pitch ever recorded in a major league game at 105 MPH.

11. Spitting in your hand before you pick up a baseball bat gives you good luck.

12. Mary Lou Retton was the first American to win the gold medal in the Women’s All-Around gymnastics event.

13. The New York Yankees have won more World Series titles than any other team in baseball.

14. NASCAR racing is not a real sport since you don’t have to be in shape or use your muscles to compete.

15. Women’s soccer games are not as aggressive or exciting as men’s soccer games.

16. Football is a more physical game than soccer because it requires more upper body strength.

17. Playing football is one of the most dangerous things that a high school student can do.

18. Barry Bonds holds the record for most home runs in a season.

19. The average salary for a quarterback in the NFL in 2009 was 15 million dollars.

20. John Elway is still the greatest quarterback in NFL history.

21. Softball pitching is not as complex as baseball pitching because it is done underhanded.

22. Soccer is more difficult to play than other sports because you cannot use your hands.

23. The average salary for a player on the Yankees is over six million dollars.

24. Large salaries and overpaid athletes are ruining sporting competitions.

25. Since they make the most money, NBA players are the most spoiled of all athletes.