

**Excerpts table
Paragraphs 1,2 and 3**

Read the excerpts and classify them as being a fact or an opinion.

Excerpts	FACT or OPINION?
I live and work on the border with the Gaza strip (1st paragraph)	FACT (fixed arrangement) introduced by a simple present tense
This week we experienced 22 ½ hours of rocket fire (1st paragraph)	FACT (action finished) introduced by a simple past tense
that was as bad as any of the worst days during the 2014 war (1st paragraph)	OPINION introduced by an adjective and a comparative sentence
I was working from my home on Kibbutz Nirim and had to run for cover at least four times during the day. There were even more alarms that night (2nd paragraph)	FACT (series of repeated actions finished) introduced by a simple past tense
The post trauma and fight or flight instincts that had become second skin during the war, yet gone into partial hibernation over time, were back faster than you could say "Tzeva Adom" (2nd paragraph)	OPINION introduced by the author lexical choices and the use of metaphor
"Tzeva Adom" - Red Alert - the words that you hear when a rocket has been launched towards you when you live in the Gaza envelope.(2nd paragraph)	FACT (referring to things in general) introduced by a simple present sentence
It starts with a metallic crackle (3rd paragraph)	FACT (sequence of actions) introduced by simple present tense

as the opening chord (3rd paragraph)	OPINION introduced by a comparative sentence and the use of metaphor
a female voice (3rd paragraph)	FACT introduced by a nominal group
padded by an eerie echo (3rd paragraph)	OPINION introduced by the use of metaphor
It whips you out of your chair or bed or car, wherever you are, and catapults you to your nearest safe haven (3rd paragraph)	FACT (sequence of actions) introduced by simple present tense
(if you are lucky enough to have such a spot nearby) (3rd paragraph)	OPINION introduced by the use of an adjective
There, you wait to hear the explosion. (3rd paragraph)	FACT introduced by a simple present tense
You try to calm your breathing. You check that your loved ones are also safe (providing you had the wherewithal to grab your phone first) and then you try to get back to what you were doing, before you had to run for your life (3rd paragraph)	OPINION introduced by statements expressing feelings, emotions and also by the use of metaphorical sentence

Excerpts table
Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6

Read the excerpts and classify them as being a fact or an opinion .

Excerpts	FACT or OPINION?
I'm a teacher on the border and my students all live and learn here (4th paragraph)	FACT (fixed arrangement) introduced by a simple present tense
On Wednesday we were due to have English day for the seventh graders	FACT (action finished) introduced by a simple past tense
a day that is one of the most challenging of the year, entailing hours of painstaking planning for weeks before (4th paragraph)	OPINION introduced by an adjective and a superlative sentence
On English Day, different stations are spread around our sprawling, green campus, manned (mostly womanned) by English teachers (4th paragraph)	FACT (fixed arrangement) introduced by a simple present tense
The teachers greet them each time, trying to duplicate the same high-energy infectious enthusiasm with which they greeted them the first lesson (4th paragraph)	FACT (fixed arrangement) introduced by a simple present tense

<p>It is an exhausting day for the teachers. (4th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by the use of an adjective</p>
<p>In retrospect, following through with it despite our exhaustion, despite our concerns that the cease fire would not hold: it was the best thing we could have done.(5th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by statements expressing feelings, emotions, expectations and also by the use of adjectives to intensify an idea</p>
<p>It was the most excellent, educational and emotional gift we could have given our students. Returning to routine as quick as possible following trauma, is the healthiest thing one can do. (5th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by the use of adjectives and a superlative sentence</p>
<p>...we provided a routine of sorts. But it was not really routine, since the learning was done through puzzles or trivia games or a Druze tents or theater games, just to name a few (5th paragraph)</p>	<p>FACT (series of repeated actions finished) introduced by a simple past tense</p>
<p>They learned English but also had the opportunity for an emotional outlet, in a familiar, safe environment, with peers and adults who understood what they had just been through. (5th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by the use of adjectives</p>
<p>So here we remain, with the time bomb of the humanitarian disaster in Gaza ticking again, with the constant hum of drones hovering nearby, and with the arson which continues daily from the early afternoon until the evening, when the wind from the west dies through. (6th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by the use of metaphorical sentences</p>
<p>Incendiary kites setting our fields afire, making "cease fire" into an oxymoron. (6th paragraph)</p>	<p>OPINION introduced by the use of metaphor</p>

