



Skills Practice: Facts

Some tasks in IELTS require us to decide whether a statement is TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN in relation to a reading text. Questions like this are often quite difficult. Not only is the information in the text paraphrased (See 3A and 7A), we also have to be careful to only use the information in the text.

For example, look at the following sentence and consider whether the options (a, b or c) are TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN.

“My brother lives in Italy and he has a Ferrari sports car.”

- (a) I have a brother
- (b) My brother lives in Australia
- (c) My brother is rich

Obviously (a) is TRUE and (b) is FALSE, but what about (c) ? The answer is NOT GIVEN. We might assume that it's true because of our personal knowledge, but that information is not EXPLICITLY given.



suggested time
unlimited

TASK

Read the sentences in bold. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the sentences? Write:

- **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information
- **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information
- **NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this.

Take as much time as you need.

1) "A handful of people from the village go abroad every summer."

- a) A lot of people from the village go abroad every summer. FALSE
- b) A handful of people from the village travel to internationally every summer. TRUE
- c) Some people from the village have a foreign holiday every summer. NOT GIVEN

2) "My youngest sister always buys expensive clothes."

- a) My youngest sister sometimes buys cheap clothes. _____
- b) My youngest sister never wears cheap clothes. _____
- c) I have more than one sister. _____

3) "She'd like to go out on Thursday, but if it's raining, she'll stay at home."

- d) She might not go out on Thursday. _____
- e) It might rain on Thursday. _____
- f) She would prefer to stay home on Thursday. _____

4) "Despite some opposition, the majority of residents want intervention from the government."

- a) Most residents need intervention from the government. _____
- b) More than half the residents would like intervention from the government _____
- c) Not everyone wants intervention from the government. _____

5) "There were insufficient funds to complete the project on time."

- a) There wasn't enough money to finish the project on time. _____
- b) The project was not finished. _____
- c) With sufficient funds, the project would have been finished on time. _____