

Fact and Opinion Identification

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the passage below and complete the activities that follow.

The Amazing Kiwi Bird

The kiwi is New Zealand's national bird and is truly one of the most fascinating creatures on Earth. These flightless birds are found only in New Zealand, making them endemic to our country. A kiwi can live for up to 50 years in the wild, which is quite impressive for a bird of its size.

Kiwi are nocturnal, meaning they are active at night and sleep during the day. Their feathers look more like hair than typical bird feathers, giving them a unique appearance. In my opinion, the kiwi is the most interesting bird in the world. They use their long beaks to probe the ground for insects, worms, and berries.

The kiwi population has declined significantly due to habitat loss and introduced predators like stoats and cats. Conservation efforts are essential if we want to save these incredible birds. Everyone should support kiwi conservation programmes because these birds deserve our protection.

Part A: Identify each statement as either **FACT** or **OPINION**

Remember: Facts can be proven true. Opinions are personal beliefs or judgements.

1. The kiwi is New Zealand's national bird.

2. The kiwi is truly one of the most fascinating creatures on Earth.

3. Kiwi are nocturnal animals.

4. The kiwi is the most interesting bird in the world.

5. Kiwi use their long beaks to probe the ground for food.

6. Everyone should support kiwi conservation programmes.

Part B: Find and write down

7. One factual statement from the passage about where kiwi are found:

8. One opinion statement from the passage (not already listed in Part A):

Part C: Short answer

9. Explain why it is important to be able to tell the difference between facts and opinions when reading.
