

Facts and Assumptions

Activity

The difference between an assumption and a fact is that an assumption is something you think is true, while a fact is something you know is true.

Read the following scenarios, and have the group decide whether each is a fact or an assumption.

Samantha

- Samantha didn't meet Amy and Elise at the store. (Fact)
- Amy and Elise think Samantha doesn't want to shop with them. (Assumption)
- Samantha didn't get the message from Amy and Elise to meet at the store. (Fact)
- Samantha thinks Amy and Elise left her out. (Assumption)

James

- James got a zero on his science project. (Fact)
- Some people think James didn't do the science project because he's lazy. (Assumption)
- James's classmates think he isn't very smart. (Assumption)
- James got sick and missed a week of school, so he didn't know how to do the project. (Fact)

Michael

- Michael is a great soccer and basketball player. (Fact)
- He also enjoys acting in plays. (Fact)
- This year, he didn't sign up for the soccer league. (Fact)
- Some people think Michael is a sissy because he isn't playing soccer. (Assumption)
- Michael likes soccer, but he didn't have time for both soccer and the school play. (Fact)

Sarah

- Sarah is shorter than everyone else in her class, and she looks really young. (Fact)
- She likes to talk, so she raises her hand a lot in class. (Fact)
- Because Sarah looks younger than everyone else, some of her classmates think Sarah is really smart and skipped a grade. (Assumption)
- Some people think Sarah is too smart to be friends with them. (Assumption)