



Fact and Opinion

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- C) Some grocery stores stay open very late
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- C) Everyone hates plastic bags now
- D) Reusable bags feel obviously better to carry

3. Which statement is an UNSUPPORTED opinion in the essay?

- A) California passed a statewide bag ban in 2014
- B) Sea turtles often mistake bags for jellyfish
- C) Anyone who likes plastic bags clearly hates the planet
- D) Recycling rates for plastic bags stay below 10 percent

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- A) An online comment from a stranger
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