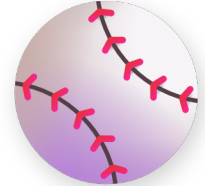




Read the sports report. Then answer the questions — decide if each statement is a **FACT** or an **OPINION** and explain why.

Facts in sports: scores, dates, records, statistics. Opinions: what coaches, fans, or writers think about a player or game.

## Shohei Ohtani's Stellar Performance



LOS ANGELES, CA – April 15, 2024 – Shohei Ohtani delivered another electrifying performance for the Los Angeles Dodgers last night, hitting his 5th home run of the season in a thrilling 7-3 victory over the Washington Nationals. The two-way superstar also pitched five strong innings, striking out seven batters before exiting the game. His current batting average stands at an impressive .320.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts praised Ohtani after the game, stating, "Shohei is, without a doubt, the most incredible athlete playing baseball today. His ability to dominate both at the plate and on the mound is truly unmatched."

A long-time Dodgers fan, Maria Sanchez, shared her excitement, "I believe that every game Ohtani plays is the most exciting event in sports. You just can't take your eyes off him!"

Sports journalist Mark Thompson weighed in on the performance in his morning column: "This game clearly showed that teams with multi-talented players like Ohtani always have a better chance at winning the World Series." Meanwhile, official league statistics confirmed that 92% of all tickets for Dodgers home games featuring Ohtani have been sold out this season.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1)



"Shohei Ohtani hit his 5th home run of the season." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🏈

- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion

(2) "Shohei is, without a doubt, the most incredible athlete playing baseball today." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🏈

- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion

(3) "92% of all tickets for Dodgers home games featuring Ohtani have been sold out this season." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🏈

- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion

(4) "Every game Ohtani plays is the most exciting event in sports." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🏈

- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion

(5) Explain why the statement 'His current batting average stands at an impressive .320' is a fact, and why 'teams with multi-talented players like Ohtani always have a better chance at winning the World Series' is an opinion. 🏈

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(6) Find one more fact and one more opinion from the passage. Write them down. 🏈

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