

**Directions:**

Separate fact from opinion. Highlight any sentence that is an opinion in the passages below.

- A.** The main function of your teeth is to tear, grind, and chew your food. But, a healthy smile is desirable, too. A dentist is a type of doctor that specializes in caring for your teeth. Becoming a dentist takes years of schooling and special training. It is hard work. You should visit a dentist twice a year. He or she can check your teeth for decay or other problems. The dentist can fill any cavities you may have, recommend that you get braces, or suggest other procedures. But seeing a dentist will not ensure that your teeth stay healthy and strong. Good dental health is up to you. Brushing every day is essential, but it is not enough. Flossing is important, too. And, don't forget the critical role a balanced diet plays in overall health, including your teeth.



- B.** K-9 is a clever name used to identify specially-trained police dogs, or canines. Only the most intelligent breeds are worthy of becoming police dogs. German shepherds are most prevalent, but other breeds, such as the Belgian Malinois, are also used. When assigned to an officer, a police dog becomes his or her companion and partner. The dog may be called upon to sniff out illegal substances, stop a suspect from running away, or protect its master from attack. A police dog is the greatest friend an officer can have. Both the officer and the dog enjoy the close bond that forms. But, more importantly, the officer relies on the dog for his or her safety on the job. Dogs are loyal creatures, but K-9's are far beyond that. Many have given their lives in the line of duty. And they, like their fellow officers, are ceremoniously honored.

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