

# Objective vs. Subjective Thinking & Writing

Grade 7

Expository Reading & Writing Unit



# Subjective Thinking

- Personal feelings, emotions, judgments, opinions, and ideas



# Subjective Thinking

## Example:

**James says, “My foot is killing me.”**

**Is he lying? Is he just being a little dramatic? How much is “a lot”? What is his idea of pain? Is he actually injured or is his foot just asleep? What does he really mean?**





# Subjective Thinking

- Subjective thinking & writing appears in personal essays, autobiographies, online blogs, and in the editorial section of newspapers or magazines where writers express their opinions about current events.



Think about this: Imagine a pro soccer player who travels around, plays game at the national and international level, and gets to see the world while doing so.

**You think— Wow! He is so lucky!**

**That's subjective.**

*What if that pro soccer player is completely exhausted all the time? What if he has been playing pro for seven years now and all he wants to do is go home, marry his girlfriend, buy a house, and relax in the pool?*

See how it's subjective to think that he's so lucky? He may be sick of it and ready to do something different in life. He may not consider himself lucky anymore. He might think his brother is lucky because he's married and has a nice house and doesn't have to sleep on airplanes and live out of a duffle bag.



# Objective Thinking

- Evidence and proof you can see for yourself.
- It emphasizes:
  - Facts, figures, percentages, statistics, numbers

**No opinions or personal beliefs allowed!**



# Objective Thinking

## Example:

**Juanita says, “I pulled my achilles tendon playing soccer last weekend.”**

**This is factual. A doctor or sports medicine expert or even her coach could prove it. She may have to wear a special brace to protect it until it heals. We can infer that it probably hurts. She doesn't have to tell us that.**





# Subjective & Objective Can Work Together!

- Some authors combine objective writing and subjective writing.
- For example, a biographer could include his opinion of the person he's writing about as well as give the facts of that person's life.
- How could you tell if something is written objectively or subjectively?



# Subjective & Objective Can Work Together!

<b>Subjective</b>	<b>Objective</b>
<b>Derrick shouts, “That was an amazing football game!”</b>	<b>Looking at a video of the game, you might see great plays, high scores, a last- minute win, maybe a new record was set, etc..</b>



# Ok, let's practice!

- \* Read the sentences on the next few slides. If it's subjective (based on opinion and can't be proven) then stand up.**
- \* If it's objective (based on facts and can be looked up and proven) then sit down.**
- \* If it's both, then fist-bump a partner.**



**Elisha Nelson "Eli" Manning is an American football quarterback for the New York Giants of the National Football League, or NFL.**



**He played college football at the University of Mississippi, the most prestigious university in the South.**



**The Minnesota Vikings had a disappointing 2016 season, but head coach Mike Zimmer is working hard to ensure that 2017 will be much better.**



**The Miami Dolphins have a by-week coming up, so they won't play that week.**



**The Detroit Lions are one of the most-improved professional football teams this year.**



**Tickets to a NFL game are extremely expensive.**



**My friend bought a ticket to the  
Pittsburg Stealers game that cost \$280.**



THE END!