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FACT OR OPINION?

When solving a mystery, it is important to separate facts from opinions. Imagine you are a young reporter at the scene of a bank robbery. You hear the police chief talking about the robbery. Later, when you look at your notes, you see that not everything the chief said was a fact. Next to each quote below, put an "F" if it is a fact and an "O" if it is an opinion. When you are done, use the back of this sheet to answer the questions below.

<i>Things said by the police chief:</i>	<i>Fact or Opinion?</i>
<i>"The robber wore a heavy coat."</i>	_____
<i>"I think the robber was mean."</i>	_____
<i>"You can't trust farmers, so the robber must be a farmer."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber carried a large sack."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber jumped over the counter."</i>	_____
<i>"I bet the robber liked the color blue."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber had a beard."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber was very tall."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber often looked at his watch."</i>	_____
<i>"I think the robber liked potato soup."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber had muddy shoes."</i>	_____
<i>"The robber's pants were green."</i>	_____
<i>"I imagine the robber was from New York."</i>	_____

QUESTIONS

1. Which words in the quotes above lead you to think that the police chief is stating an opinion instead of a fact?
2. What facts did you learn about the robber's clothes?
3. Which of the police chief's statements have nothing to do with the robbery?

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