

Marisa Gonsalves for Mayor

Part 1

After careful thought, the *Beachview Times-Tribune* has decided to endorse City Council member Marisa Gonsalves for mayor of Beachview. Ms. Gonsalves's opponent, Mayor Rosa de Carlo, has done many good things for Beachview. But we think Ms. Gonsalves would be a better mayor.

Part 2

First, we believe that Ms. Gonsalves has a better vision for the future. She is prepared to solve the highway congestion that is a huge problem for our city. Eventually, it will stop our growth. Currently, the morning traffic is so bad that some people barely get to work in time for lunch. Ms. Gonsalves has stated that she will appoint a commission to create a new traffic plan. We feel that this solution is wise.

Ms. de Carlo wants to add traffic lights and pay for them by installing parking meters. We agree with Ms. Gonsalves that more traffic lights will only make traffic worse.

Part 3

Second, we think the city is tired of Ms. de Carlo's confrontational style. When people see her coming, they run for cover. She has angered many well-meaning council members. Few want to work with her or support her programs. Ms. Gonsalves, on the other hand, knows how to use soothing words to appeal to friends and opponents alike. In fact, her colleagues practically fall all over themselves for the chance to work with her. Her agreeable, easy-going style is a breath of fresh air.

Part 4

Finally, we disagree with Ms. de Carlo's argument that Ms. Gonsalves lacks experience. As a City Council member, Ms. Gonsalves knows the Beachview government inside and out. As chamber of commerce president, she has proven herself to be a gifted administrator. We expect she will do equally well as mayor.

The *Beachview Times-Tribune* urges you to vote for Marisa Gonsalves for mayor.

Resource Links**1** RDI Book 1: p. 391**SAM** Keywords: Fact

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Fact and Opinion

A **fact** is a statement that can be proven true. An **opinion** is a statement that tells what a person thinks or believes.

- To find a fact, ask: *Can this statement be proven true?*
- To find an opinion, ask: *Is this statement a personal belief or feeling?*

Use this chart to organize facts and opinions.

Passage: _____

Facts

Opinions

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Resource Links

 RDI Book 1: p. 440

SAM Keywords: Fact



Lesson 13

Practice: Open-Ended Questions

Directions: Use “Marisa Gonsalves for Mayor” to answer the following questions.

1. What does the editorial say about Mayor de Carlo’s statement that Ms. Gonsalves does not have the experience to be mayor?

Explain *What facts and details support this statement?*

2. How does the editorial compare and contrast Ms. Gonsalves’s and Mayor de Carlo’s way of dealing with the City Council?

Explain *What similar and different details does the editorial give about each candidate?*

3. In your opinion, who offers a better plan for traffic control? Use specific information from the editorial and your own reasoning to support your answer.

✓CHECK Did you use complete sentences?

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