



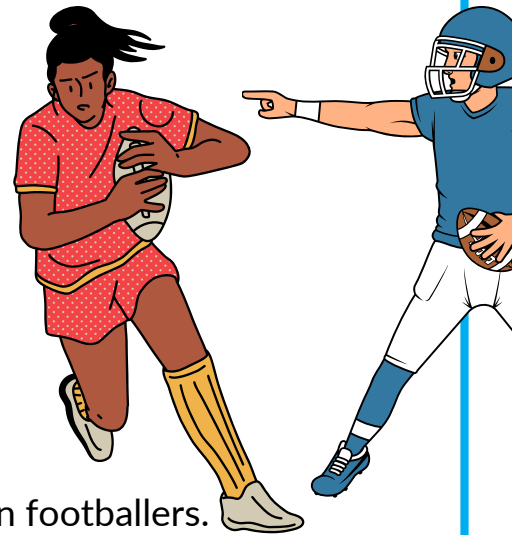
## Fact versus opinion

### Footy in Las Vegas

When we're reading or listening, it's important to tune our ears to two kinds of language: objective fact and subjective opinion. **Facts are things that are true and can be proven**, like "The *National Rugby League* is a ball sport competition." **Opinions are based on what people feel or think**, like "Rugby league is the best sport ever." Below are some sentences about this weekend's NRL competition.

Write "F" next to statements that are facts and "O" next to opinions.

- The NRL's 2025 opening round was played in Las Vegas over the weekend.
- Rugby league is the toughest sport in the world!
- It's much more exciting to watch than American football.
- The Jillaroos played against England's Lionesses.
- Rugby league players do not wear helmets like American footballers.



1. Underline the opinionated language used by rugby league pundit Phil Gould.

“ US fans... already have enough sport to consume between the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB. ...It's gonna be a very hard sell.

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2. Underline the opinionated language used by Fox Sports commentator Braith Anasta

“ You'll see some big hits. There's no helmets, there's no pads, which makes it even more entertaining. It's quite brutal.

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