

Instructions: Read each sentence below. In the space provided, write whether it is fact or opinion. If the sentence is a fact, prove it by looking it up in the book and listing the page number where you found it. If it is an opinion, prove it by describing how someone might disagree with the statement.

① In the winter of 1925, a terrible disease called diphtheria struck the town of Nome.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

② The mushers were the bravest people in the world.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

③ People who don't win the Iditarod feel very sad.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

④ The 1968 race was cancelled because of a lack of snow.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

⑤ The Iditarod trail has some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

⑥ The fastest Iditarod time is 8 days, 18 hours and 46 minutes.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

⑦ Husky fur keeps body heat from escaping.

Fact or opinion? _____ How can you prove it? _____

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Add descriptive adjectives to the sentences to make the story more interesting.
(You may change *a*, *an* and *the*.)

The Iditabike race is held in Alaska at the end of February. It is part of the Iditasport, which includes ski, snowshoe, foot race and triathlon categories.

This _____ race follows part of the Iditarod trail. It is so intense that _____ riders are required to carry survival gear, including a _____ sleeping bag, a _____ tent and a day's supply of food.

The race began at 10.00 in the morning under _____ skies. One _____ rider took an early lead when he pulled ahead at a _____ corner. The already-challenging ride was even more demanding due to the _____ ruts left by the snowmobiles. Along the trail, one _____ rider surprised a musher and his dog team when he got caught in a rut and slid six metres down a _____ hill onto the _____ river. He was still holding onto his bent and twisted bicycle.

The wooded section of the trail was _____ difficult due to the 25-centimetre-deep moose tracks. Riders had a _____ time getting through. Some of the riders stopped along the way to take _____ pictures of _____ Mt McKinley.

The _____ riders rode into the town as temperatures dropped to 20 below. Their _____ hands were so cold they were numb.

One cyclist described her experience like this: "It was like backpacking and pushing a grocery-filled shopping trolley through sand. I rode my bike 3.2 kilometres and had to push it the other 80 kilometres."

Name _____

Date _____

Instructions: Look up the words below in the book and reread the sentences in which they are found. In the second column, write whether the context clue is a definition, a compare and contrast or a read around the word. In the third column, write a definition of the word based on the context.

<i>Word and Page</i>	<i>Type of Context Clue</i>	<i>Your Definition</i>
musher (p. 6)		
serum (p. 5)		
diphtheria (p. 5)		
insulate (p. 17)		
mandatory (p. 20)		
ceremonial (p. 9)		

