



Facts, values and concepts

What sort of statement is it?

In Chapter 27, we discovered that words representing concepts can be mixed: part concept, part fact or part value. In the following exercise identify which statements are of fact, value or concept, and which are a mixture. If you think they are mixed, explain why you think this and what you think they are a mixture of.

- 1 The football team I support lost 4-0 at the weekend.
- 2 They played very badly.
- 3 They have no idea how to play modern attacking football.
- 4 After four consecutive defeats the manager should lose his job.
- 5 The problem is he has only been in management for two years and he has very little experience of how to manage a big club.
- 6 He selects all the wrong players.
- 7 He finally realised this at half time and made changes, but by then it was too late.
- 8 It made very little difference.
- 9 For most of the game there was no pattern to their play.
- 10 Under previous managers they played possession football really well, but in this game they only had 30% of the play.

Answers

- 1 The football team I support lost 4-0 at the weekend. (*Fact*)
- 2 They played very badly. (*Value*)
- 3 They have no idea how to play modern attacking football. (*Value/Concept*)
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- 5 The problem is he has only been in management for two years and he has very little experience of how to manage a big club. (*Fact/Value/Concept*)
- 6 He selects all the wrong players. (*Value*)
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- 9 For most of the game there was no pattern to their play. (*Value/Concept*)
- 10 Under previous managers they played possession football really well, but in this game they only had 30% of the play. (*Fact/Value/Concept*)