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<b>Page 146, paragraph 3:</b> "Elvis Stojko...does quadruple/triple combinations."	<u>Fact</u>	This fact could be proven by watching a slow-motion videotape of Elvis.
<b>Page 147, paragraph 1:</b> "Most elite skaters have three forty-five-minute-long practice sessions on the ice every day . . ."	<u>Fact</u>	This fact could be proven by checking with all elite skaters.
<b>Page 150, paragraph 4:</b> "And you can never forget how important school is."	<u>Opinion</u>	This is Michelle's opinion—the words <i>how important</i> are clues that she is sharing a belief.