

# Opinion Writing

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## Quick Review

An opinion tells what you think. A strong opinion piece has four parts: (1) an opinion sentence, (2) reasons, (3) linking words like because, and, and also, and (4) a closing sentence.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the best answer for each question.

- Which sentence is an OPINION?
  - Dogs have four legs.
  - Dogs are the best pets in the world.
  - Dogs can bark.
  - Some dogs are brown.
- Which sentence gives a REASON for the opinion *I like summer best*?
  - Summer comes after spring.
  - I can swim and play outside in summer.
  - Summer is a season.
  - Many months are warm.
- Which word links an opinion to a reason?
  - before
  - because
  - but
  - soon
- Which linking word can ADD a second reason?
  - also
  - but
  - before
  - after
- Which is the BEST closing sentence for an opinion about recess?
  - The end.
  - Recess is a word.
  - For all these reasons, recess is the best part of the day.
  - I will write more later.



6. Read this start: *Reading is the best hobby. Here is one reason.* What should come NEXT?

- A. a new topic
- B. the first reason for the opinion
- C. the writer's full name
- D. the end of the piece

7. Which opening sentence is the WEAKEST?

- A. I think art class is the best class.
- B. Everyone should drink more water.
- C. I am going to write about something.
- D. Dogs make great pets.

8. An opinion piece should give reasons that tell WHY you think that way.

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9. Write an OPINION sentence about your favorite season.

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10. Pick a topic you care about. Write your OPINION, one REASON that begins with because, and a CLOSING sentence.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  T  F
- 9
- 10

### Explanations

1. B	The word best tells what someone thinks, so it is an opinion.
2. B	It tells why the writer likes summer, so it is a reason.
3. B	The word because joins an opinion with a reason.
4. A	The word also adds one more reason to your writing.
5. C	A good closing sums up the opinion in a strong way.
6. B	After saying you have a reason, you give it.
7. C	It does not state a clear opinion, so it is weak.
8. T	Reasons explain why you hold your opinion.
9.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: I think winter is the best season. Accept any clear sentence that states the writer's opinion.
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: School lunch should have more fruit. Because fruit helps kids stay healthy and have energy. For these reasons, more fruit would be a great change. Accept any topic with all three parts: opinion, reason, and closing.



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