

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.

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



Answer Keys

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| Explanations | |
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| 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. | Answer: Example: I think winter is the best season. Accept any clear sentence that states the writer's opinion. |
| 10. | Answer: 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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