

# Opinion Writing

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## Quick Review

An opinion piece TELLS what you think and gives REASONS. A strong opinion has four parts: (1) clear opinion sentence, (2) good reasons, (3) linking words (because, also, for example), and (4) a closing sentence.

## PRACTICE

Use the four parts of opinion writing to choose or write the best answer.

- Which sentence is an OPINION (not a fact)?
  - Apples grow on trees.
  - Apples are red, green, or yellow.
  - Apples are the best fruit you can eat.
  - Apple trees are planted in many states.
- Which sentence gives a REASON for the opinion “Dogs make the best pets”?
  - My friend's dog is named Lucy.
  - Dogs are loyal and love to play with their families.
  - Cats and birds are also pets.
  - There are many kinds of dogs.
- Which word would BEST link an opinion to a reason?
  - but
  - so
  - because
  - before
- Which is a STRONG closing sentence for an opinion piece about reading?
  - The end.
  - For all of these reasons, reading every day is the best habit a kid can have.
  - I might write about reading later.
  - Reading is one of my hobbies.



5. Read this opening: *“Recess should not be cut short. There are three big reasons.”* What kind of sentence comes NEXT?

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

6. Write an OPINION sentence about which subject (math, reading, art, etc.) is your favorite.

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7. Now write a REASON that supports your opinion above. Begin with **because**.

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8. Which transition word would BEST add a second reason in a piece?

- A. also
- B. but
- C. before
- D. even though

9. Which opening sentence is the WEAKEST?

- A. Recess is one of the best parts of school.
- B. I am going to write about something.
- C. I believe everyone should drink more water.
- D. Reading helps kids in many ways.

10. Pick a topic you care about (homework, pets, school lunch, etc.). Write THREE parts: (a) your opinion, (b) one reason, and (c) a closing sentence.

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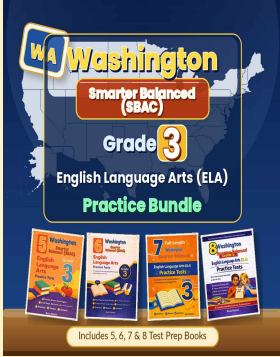
# Answer Keys

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Explanations	
<b>1. C</b>	"Best" is an opinion word — it tells what someone thinks. A, B, D are facts that can be checked.
<b>2. B</b>	B explains WHY the writer holds the opinion. A is a detail; C changes the topic; D is a fact, not a reason.
<b>3. C</b>	"Because" links a claim with a reason. The other words signal contrast, result, or time.
<b>4. B</b>	A closing sums up the opinion with strong wording. A is too vague; C delays; D states a fact instead of restating opinion.
<b>5. B</b>	After saying you have three reasons, give them. The other options break the structure.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: I think art is the best subject in school. Any clear opinion sentence with the writer's view.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: ...because art lets me show my ideas in pictures. Any reason that supports the opinion in item 6.
<b>8. A</b>	"Also" adds another reason. "But" contrasts; "before" is time; "even though" gives a contrast.
<b>9. B</b>	B is vague and does not state an opinion. The others all state a clear opinion.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: (a) School should give less homework. (b) Because kids need time to rest, play, and be with family after school. (c) For these reasons, less homework would help kids learn and live better lives. Accept any topic with all three parts. Reason should support the opinion.



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