Cheering Up a Friend Writing

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Informative writing **explains** or **teaches** with facts. Start with a **topic sentence**, give **three details**, and finish with a **closing sentence**.

Linking words: *First ... Next ... Also ... Finally ...*



1. Would it help?

Your friend feels sad. Would this help? Circle **yes** or **no**.

1. Ask your friend what is wrong and listen. yes no
2. Laugh at your friend for feeling sad. yes no
3. Invite your friend to play a game with you. yes no
4. Tell everyone that your friend is sad. yes no
5. Make a card with a kind message. yes no
6. Walk away and play without them. yes no

2. Topic and closing sentences

Circle the best sentence.

1. Which is the best topic sentence?

(a) My friend has a red bike.
(b) There are a few simple ways to cheer up a sad friend.
(c) I like playing tag.

2. Which is the best closing sentence?

(a) A little kindness can turn a sad day into a better one.
(b) Last summer I went camping.
(c) Friends are people.

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3. Plan your paragraph

Your friend is having a bad day. Explain how to cheer up a friend who feels sad. Give three ideas. Plan first. Write short notes.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3

Closing sentence

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4. Write your paragraph

Use your plan. Indent the first line.

Prompt: Your friend is having a bad day. Explain how to cheer up a friend who feels sad. Give three ideas.

Check: ☐ Topic sentence ☐ Three facts or details ☐ Linking words (first, also, finally) ☐ Closing sentence ☐ Capitals and periods

Answer Key

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3	Invite your friend to play a game with you.	**yes**	no
4	Tell everyone that your friend is sad.	yes	**no**
5	Make a card with a kind message.	**yes**	no
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Sample notes. Answers will vary.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

three easy ways to cheer up a sad friend

Detail 1

ask what is wrong and really listen

Detail 2

do something fun together: draw, play a game

Detail 3

make a card or say something kind

Closing sentence

a little kindness helps a friend feel better

Model Answer

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4. Write your paragraph

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

There are three easy ways to cheer up a friend who feels sad. First, ask your friend what is wrong and really listen. Sometimes just talking about a problem helps. Next, do something fun together, like drawing, building with blocks or playing a game. Finally, make a card or say something kind, such as "I'm glad you're my friend." A little kindness can turn a sad day into a better one.