City or Country

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Opinion writing tells what **you think** and **why**. Use **OREO**: state your **O**pinion, give **R**easons, add **E**xamples, then say your **O**pinion again.

Opinion words: *I think ... I believe ... In my opinion ... because ... For example ... That is why ...*

1. Fact or opinion?

Strong opinion writing uses facts as evidence. Circle **fact** or **opinion**.



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2	City life is more exciting than country life.	fact	opinion
3	Many farms are in the country.	fact	opinion
4	The country is the most peaceful place to live.	fact	opinion
5	Many cities have buses and subways.	fact	opinion
6	Country air smells better.	fact	opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

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(a) Farms grow food.
(b) I think living in the country is better than living in the city.
(c) Cities have buildings.

2. Which is the strongest reason for city life?

(a) Museums, parks and libraries are close by.
(b) The city is the city.
(c) I saw a city.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: Would you rather live in the city or the country? Which is better? Plan your answer.

O – Opinion: what do you think?

R – Reason 1

E – Example for reason 1

R – Reason 2

E – Example for reason 2

O – Opinion again

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

Use your OREO plan.

Prompt: Would you rather live in the city or the country? Which is better?

Check: ☐ Clear opinion ☐ Two reasons ☐ An example for each ☐ Linking words ☐ Opinion restated at the end

Answer Key

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Sample notes. Answers will vary.

O – Opinion: what do you think?
Living in the country is better.

R – Reason 1
There is space to play and explore.

E – Example for reason 1
At my uncle's farm, we ride bikes on dirt roads and build forts in the woods.

R – Reason 2
You are close to nature.

E – Example for reason 2
At night you can see hundreds of stars and hear frogs.

O – Opinion again
That is why the country is the best place to live.

Model Answer

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

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

I think living in the country is better than living in the city. First, there is so much space to play and explore. At my uncle's farm, my cousins and I ride bikes down dirt roads and build forts in the woods. Another reason is that you are close to nature. At night, you can see hundreds of stars and hear frogs singing by the pond. That is why the country is the best place to live.