Favorite Game

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	Tag is the best recess game ever.	fact	opinion
3	A soccer team can have a goalie.	fact	opinion
4	Board games are more fun than video games.	fact	opinion
5	Hide-and-seek can be played indoors or outside.	fact	opinion
6	Card games are boring.	fact	opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

- (a) I believe hide-and-seek is the best game to play.
- (b) We played a game.
- (c) Games have rules.

2. Which is the strongest reason for liking a game?

- (a) It is a game.
- (b) Everyone can play, no matter how old they are.
- (c) I played it.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: What is the best game to play, and why? 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: What is the best game to play, and why?

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?
Hide-and-seek is the best game.

R – Reason 1
Anyone can play it.

E – Example for reason 1
At family parties, my baby cousin and my grandpa both play.

R – Reason 2
You do not need anything to play.

E – Example for reason 2
We played it at the cabin when it rained and we had no toys.

O – Opinion again
That is why hide-and-seek is the best game.

Model Answer

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

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

I believe hide-and-seek is the best game to play. First, anyone can play it. At our family parties, my little cousin and my grandpa both join in, and Grandpa always hides behind the curtains. Also, you do not need anything to play. When it rained at the cabin and we had no toys, we played hide-and-seek all afternoon. That is why hide-and-seek is the best game.