Favorite Memory

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**.

1	Last winter we built a snow fort.	fact	opinion
2	That was the best day of my whole life.	fact	opinion
3	My grandma visited in July.	fact	opinion
4	Summer holidays are the happiest time of year.	fact	opinion
5	We went to the lake on Saturday.	fact	opinion
6	Nothing is more fun than a day at the lake.	fact	opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

- (a) We went sledding.
- (b) It snowed in January.
- (c) My favourite memory is the day we built a snow fort.

2. Which is the strongest reason a memory is special?

- (a) My whole family worked together and laughed all day.
- (b) It was a day.
- (c) It happened once.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: What is your favourite memory, and why is it so special? 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 your favourite memory, and why is it so special?

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

Answer Key

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2. Opinion and reason

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

- a. We went sledding.
- b. It snowed in January.
- c. **My favourite memory is the day we built a snow fort.**

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3. Plan with OREO

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

O – Opinion: what do you think?
My favourite memory is building a snow fort.

R – Reason 1
My whole family worked together.

E – Example for reason 1
Dad rolled giant snowballs and my sister and I packed the walls.

R – Reason 2
It ended with a surprise.

E – Example for reason 2
Mom brought hot chocolate out to the fort and we drank it inside.

O – Opinion again
That is why it is my favourite memory.

Model Answer

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

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

My favourite memory is the day my family built a giant snow fort. It was special because we all worked together. Dad rolled huge snowballs, and my sister and I packed the walls until they were taller than us. The day also ended with a wonderful surprise. Mom carried hot chocolate out to the fort, and we drank it inside while snow fell around us. That is why that snowy day is my favourite memory.