Favorite Season

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. There are four seasons in a year. — fact / opinion
2. Fall is the prettiest season. — fact / opinion
3. In winter, some animals hibernate. — fact / opinion
4. Summer is too hot to enjoy. — fact / opinion
5. Many trees lose their leaves in fall. — fact / opinion
6. Spring is the happiest season. — fact / opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

- (a) Winter comes after fall.
- (b) I believe winter is the best season.
- (c) It snowed.

2. Which is the strongest reason for loving summer?

- (a) The long sunny days give you more time to play outside.
- (b) Summer is summer.
- (c) Summer has a name.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: Which season is the best: spring, summer, fall or winter? 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: Which season is the best: spring, summer, fall or winter?

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?
Winter is the best season.

R – Reason 1
There is so much to do in the snow.

E – Example for reason 1
We go sledding and build snowmen at the park.

R – Reason 2
Winter has cozy holidays.

E – Example for reason 2
My family drinks hot chocolate and watches movies under blankets.

O – Opinion again
That is why winter is the best season.

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 winter is the best season. First, there is so much to do in the snow. Every weekend, my brother and I go sledding down the big hill and build snowmen at the park. Winter is also cozy. After playing outside, my family drinks hot chocolate and watches movies under fuzzy blankets. That is why winter is the best season of the year.