Hot or Cold Weather

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	Water freezes when it is very cold.	fact	opinion
2	Snow days are the best days of the year.	fact	opinion
3	Hot weather can melt ice cream quickly.	fact	opinion
4	Summer heat is too uncomfortable.	fact	opinion
5	People wear mittens to keep their hands warm.	fact	opinion
6	Swimming is more fun than skating.	fact	opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

- (a) It is cold today.
- (b) Snow is white.
- (c) I think cold weather is better than hot weather.

2. Which is the strongest reason for hot weather?

- (a) You can swim, play outside and stay out late.
- (b) Hot is hot.
- (c) The sun is yellow.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: Which is better: hot weather or cold weather? 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 is better: hot weather or cold weather?

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?
Hot weather is better than cold weather.

R – Reason 1
You can play outside for hours.

E – Example for reason 1
In summer, we swim at the lake and play tag until dark.

R – Reason 2
You don't need heavy clothes.

E – Example for reason 2
I just put on shorts and sandals instead of a coat, boots and mittens.

O – Opinion again
That is why hot weather is better.

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 hot weather is better than cold weather. One reason is that you can play outside for hours. In summer, my friends and I swim at the lake and play tag until it gets dark. Another reason is that you don't need heavy clothes. I just pull on shorts and sandals instead of a coat, boots, a hat and mittens. That is why hot weather is better than cold weather.