Should Kids Do Chores?

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. Many families share chores at home. — fact / opinion
2. Washing dishes is the worst chore. — fact / opinion
3. Pets need to be fed every day. — fact / opinion
4. Kids should never have to clean their rooms. — fact / opinion
5. Laundry needs to be washed, dried and folded. — fact / opinion
6. Chores are more fun with music. — fact / opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

a. My room has a bed.
b. We have a dishwasher.
c. I believe kids should do chores at home.

2. Which is the strongest reason for chores?

a. Chores are chores.
b. Chores teach skills you will need when you grow up.
c. I have a broom.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: Should kids have to do chores at home? 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: Should kids have to do chores at home?

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

Answer Key

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4	Kids should never have to clean their rooms.	fact	**opinion**
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6	Chores are more fun with music.	fact	**opinion**

2. Opinion and reason

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3. Plan with OREO

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

O – Opinion: what do you think?
Kids should do chores at home.

R – Reason 1
Chores teach important life skills.

E – Example for reason 1
I learned to fold laundry and make my own sandwich.

R – Reason 2
Chores help the whole family.

E – Example for reason 2
When my sister and I clear the table, Mom has time to play a game with us.

O – Opinion again
That is why kids should do chores.

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 kids should do chores at home. First, chores teach skills we will need when we grow up. For example, I have learned how to fold laundry and make my own lunch. Another reason is that chores help the whole family. When my sister and I clear the table after dinner, Mom has time to play a board game with us. That is why kids should do chores at home.