Strong Reasons

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. A **strong reason** explains **why** and would convince someone else. A **weak reason** just repeats the opinion or is off topic.

Weak: *because I like it* **Strong:** *because exercise helps us focus in class*



1. Strong or weak?

Opinion: Recess should be longer. Is each reason strong or weak?

1	Running around helps us focus when we go back to class.	strong	weak
2	Because I want it to be.	strong	weak
3	We would have more time to make friends and practise teamwork.	strong	weak
4	My shoes are new.	strong	weak
5	Fresh air and exercise keep our bodies healthy.	strong	weak
6	Recess is fun because it is fun.	strong	weak

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2. Add a strong reason

Write one strong reason for each opinion.

1. Every class should have a garden because _____.

_____

2. Kids should help cook dinner because _____.

_____

3. Libraries are important because _____.

_____

4. Kids should learn to swim because _____.

_____

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3. Write your opinion

Use two strong reasons, each with an example.

Prompt: Should recess be longer? Write your opinion and give two strong reasons.

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

Answer Key

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1. Strong or weak?

1	Running around helps us focus when we go back to class.	**strong**	weak
2	Because I want it to be.	strong	**weak**
3	We would have more time to make friends and practise teamwork.	**strong**	weak
4	My shoes are new.	strong	**weak**
5	Fresh air and exercise keep our bodies healthy.	**strong**	weak
6	Recess is fun because it is fun.	strong	**weak**

2. Add a strong reason

Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. Every class should have a garden because _____.
   Every class should have a garden because students learn how food grows.
2. Kids should help cook dinner because _____.
   Kids should help cook dinner because they learn to measure and follow steps.
3. Libraries are important because _____.
   Libraries are important because everyone can borrow books for free.
4. Kids should learn to swim because _____.
   Kids should learn to swim because it keeps them safe near water.

Model Answer

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3. Write your opinion

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

I believe recess should be longer. First, running around helps students focus when they go back to class. For example, after a long recess, my class is much calmer during math. Second, a longer recess gives us more time to make friends. Last week, I joined a new soccer game and met two kids from another class. That is why recess should be longer.