Opinion with Examples

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. An **example** proves your reason: it shows a time when your reason was true.

Example starters: *For example ... One time ... Last week ... For instance ...*

1. Which reason does it prove?

Opinion: Dogs make the best pets. Each example proves one reason. Circle the reason: dogs are **loyal**, keep you **active**, learn **tricks** or **protect** your home.



1	My dog waits by the door every day until I get home.	loyal	active	tricks	protect
2	I walk Max around the park every morning.	loyal	active	tricks	protect
3	Our puppy learned to shake a paw in one week.	loyal	active	tricks	protect
4	Max barks when someone knocks at the door.	loyal	active	tricks	protect
5	We play fetch in the yard after dinner.	loyal	active	tricks	protect
6	Our dog sat beside me the whole time I was sick.	loyal	active	tricks	protect

2. Pick the strongest example

Circle the example that best supports the reason.

1. Reason: Cats are easy to care for.

- (a) Cats are cute.
- (b) My cat uses a litter box, so we don't walk her in the rain.
- (c) I like cats.

2. Reason: Fish are calming to watch.

- (a) After a busy day, I watch my goldfish swim and feel relaxed.
- (b) Fish live in water.
- (c) Fish are orange.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: What animal makes the best pet? Give two reasons, each with an example.

O – Opinion

R – Reason 1

E – Example

R – Reason 2

E – Example

O – Opinion again

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

Make sure every reason has an example.

Prompt: What animal makes the best pet?

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
I believe cats make the best pets.

R – Reason 1
Cats are easy to care for.

E – Example
My cat uses a litter box, so we never walk her in the rain.

R – Reason 2
Cats are good company.

E – Example
When I read in bed, Luna curls up and purrs beside me.

O – Opinion again
That is why cats are the best pets.

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 cats make the best pets. One reason is that cats are easy to care for. For example, my cat Luna uses a litter box, so we never have to walk her in the rain. Cats are also good company. Every night when I read in bed, Luna curls up beside me and purrs. That is why I think cats are the best pets.