Opinion Writing

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.

Fact: can be checked (*A day has 24 hours.*) · **Opinion:** what someone thinks (*Mornings are the best.*)

1. Fact or opinion?

Circle **fact** if it can be checked, or **opinion** if it tells what someone thinks.



1	A week has seven days.	fact	opinion
2	Saturday is the best day of the week.	fact	opinion
3	The sun rises in the east.	fact	opinion
4	Sunsets are more beautiful than sunrises.	fact	opinion
5	Recess is the most fun part of school.	fact	opinion
6	Most schools close for the summer.	fact	opinion
7	Breakfast is the yummiest meal.	fact	opinion
8	Water freezes at 0 degrees Celsius.	fact	opinion

2. Which is an opinion sentence?

Circle the best opinion statement.

1. Which sentence clearly states an opinion?

- (a) I think mornings are the best time of day.
- (b) Morning comes before noon.
- (c) I woke up at seven.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: What is the best time of day: morning, afternoon or night? Plan your answer.

O – Opinion

R – Reason 1

E – Example

R – Reason 2

E – Example

O – Opinion again

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

Use your OREO plan.

Prompt: What is the best time of day: morning, afternoon or night?

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

Answer Key

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3. Plan with OREO

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

O – Opinion
I think night is the best time of day.

R – Reason 1
It is calm and cozy.

E – Example
My family reads stories together in our pyjamas.

R – Reason 2
You can see the stars and the moon.

E – Example
Last week I saw a shooting star from my window.

O – Opinion again
That is why night is the best time of day.

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 night is the best time of day. First, night is calm and cozy. For example, my family puts on our pyjamas and reads stories together on the couch. Another reason is that you can see the stars and the moon. Last week, I even saw a shooting star from my bedroom window. That is why night is the best time of day.