Pet Care Writing

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Informative writing **explains** or **teaches** with facts. Start with a **topic sentence**, give **three details**, and finish with a **closing sentence**.

Linking words: *First ... Next ... Also ... Finally ...*

1. Does a dog need it every day?

Circle **yes** if a dog needs it every day, or **no** if it does not.



1	Fresh, clean water	yes	no
2	A bath	yes	no
3	Healthy dog food	yes	no
4	Candy or chocolate	yes	no
5	A walk or playtime	yes	no
6	A new toy	yes	no

2. Topic and closing sentences

Circle the best sentence.

1. Which is the best topic sentence?

(a) Dogs can be brown.
(b) My neighbour has a cat.
(c) Taking care of a dog means meeting its needs every day.

2. Which is the best closing sentence?

(a) A pet that gets food, exercise and care will be healthy and happy.
(b) I like hamsters.
(c) Next, fill the bowl.

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3. Plan your paragraph

Explain how to take care of a pet. Choose a pet you know, such as a dog, a cat or a fish. Plan first. Write short notes.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3

Closing sentence

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4. Write your paragraph

Use your plan. Indent the first line.

Prompt: Explain how to take care of a pet. Choose a pet you know, such as a dog, a cat or a fish.

Check: ☐ Topic sentence ☐ Three facts or details ☐ Linking words (first, also, finally) ☐ Closing sentence ☐ Capitals and periods

Answer Key

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Sample notes. Answers will vary.

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Detail 1

food and water: dog food twice a day, fresh water

Detail 2

exercise: walk and play every day

Detail 3

health: brush fur, visit the vet once a year

Closing sentence

food, exercise and care = healthy, happy pet

Model Answer

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4. Write your paragraph

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

Taking care of a dog means meeting its needs every day. First, a dog needs healthy dog food and a bowl of fresh, clean water. Never give a dog chocolate, because it can make dogs very sick. Next, a dog needs a walk or playtime every day to stay fit and calm. Finally, brush its fur, keep it clean, and take it to the vet for a check-up once a year. A pet that gets food, exercise and care will be healthy and happy.