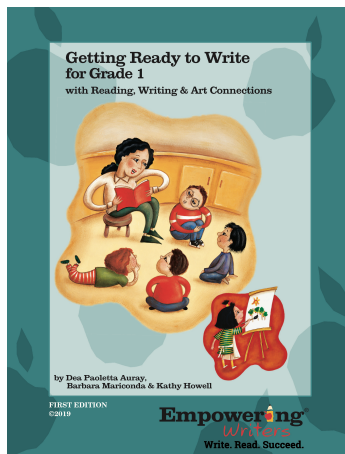




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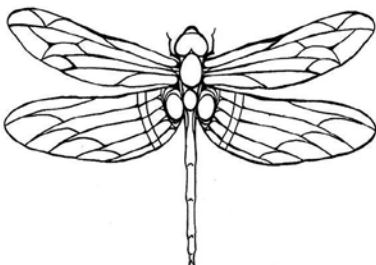
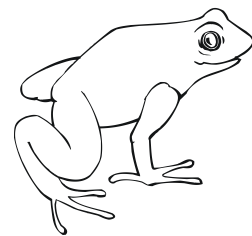
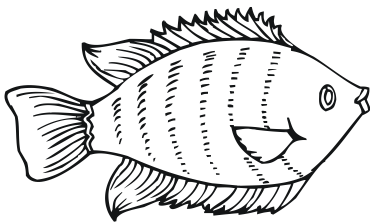
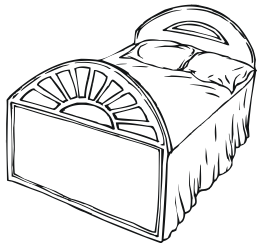
bed

frog

fish

lily pad

dragonfly



Nutritious Foods



eggs

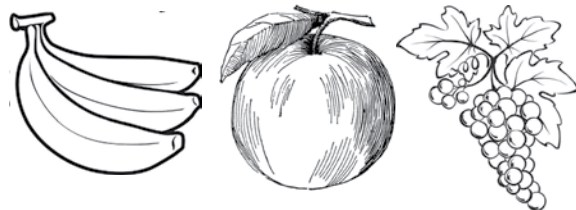
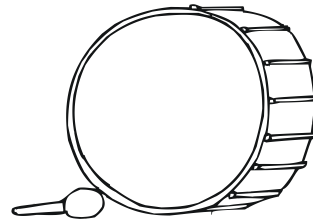
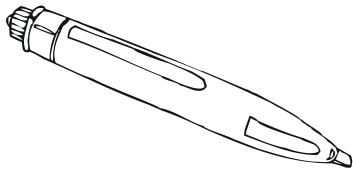
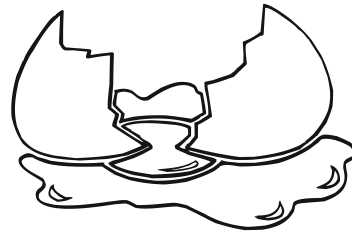
chicken

drum

pen

fruit

vegetables



Baseball



bat & glove

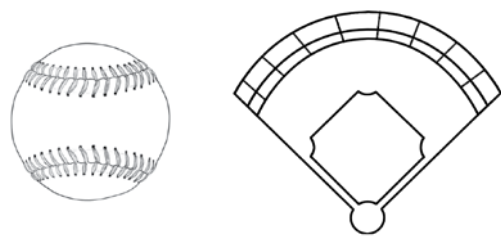
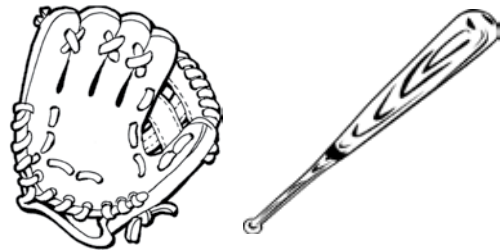
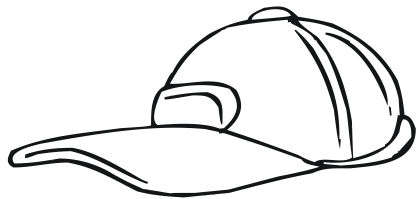
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baseball diamond

t-shirt

cat

flower



Healthy Habits



brush teeth

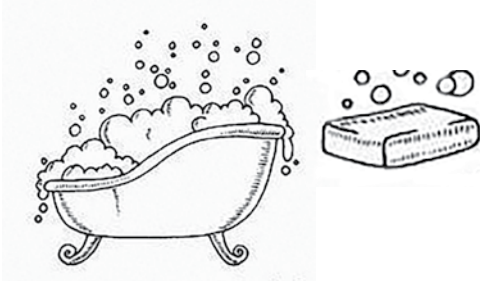
tree

flag

bathing

exercise

shampoo



School



backpack

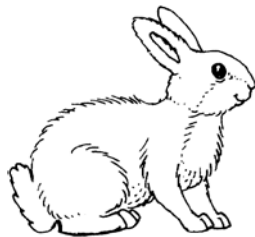
rabbit

desk/chair

recess/playtime

pencil/notebook

kangaroo



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Meal



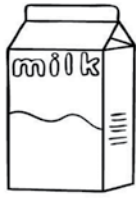
Drink/Beverage

Dessert



Conclusion

milk



fried chicken



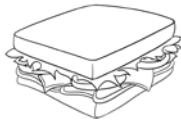
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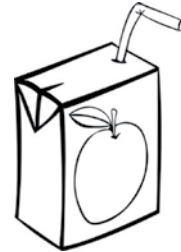
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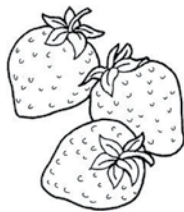
sandwich



juice box



strawberries



soup



water



cookies



lemonade



cake



Introduction: LUNCHBOX

Meal

Drink/Beverage

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Conclusion

Introduction: LUNCHBOX

Meal

sandwich	soup
fried chicken	yogurt

Drink/Beverage

milk	water
lemonade	juice box

Dessert

strawberries	cookies
cake	apple

Conclusion



Response to Informational/Expository Texts

Sentence Starters for Response to Expository/ informative Texts

- The author taught us _____
- I discovered how _____
- The topic of this piece was _____
- The author revealed that _____
- The piece gives information about _____
- I realized that _____
- I learned that _____
- I thought that _____
- I found it interesting that _____
- The author explains _____
- I was surprised to learn _____

1

What was the topic of this piece?

3

What does this piece give you
information about?

4

What did the author teach you?

2

The piece gives information about _____.

The author taught us _____.

The topic of this piece was _____.

Sentence Starters for Response to
Expository/Informative Texts



Response to Informational/Expository Texts

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What surprised you about this piece?

7

What did you learn from this piece?

5

What did you find interesting in this piece?

6

I found it interesting that _____.

I found it interesting that _____.

I was surprised to learn _____.

I discovered how _____.

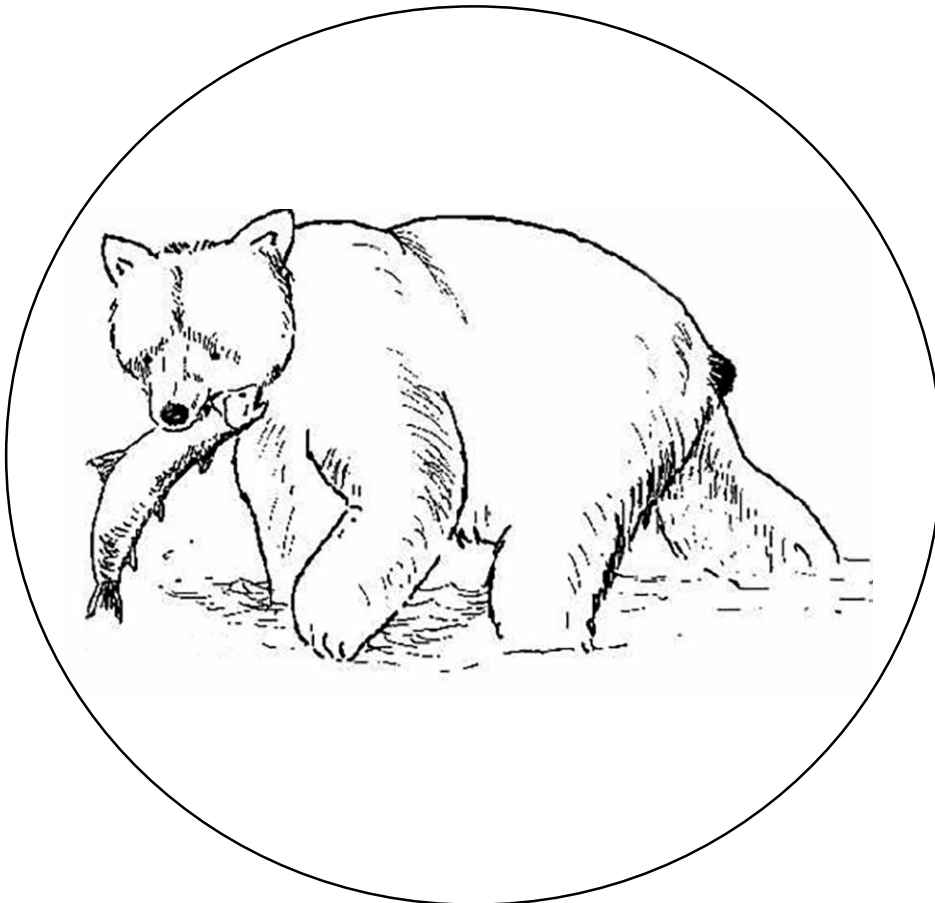
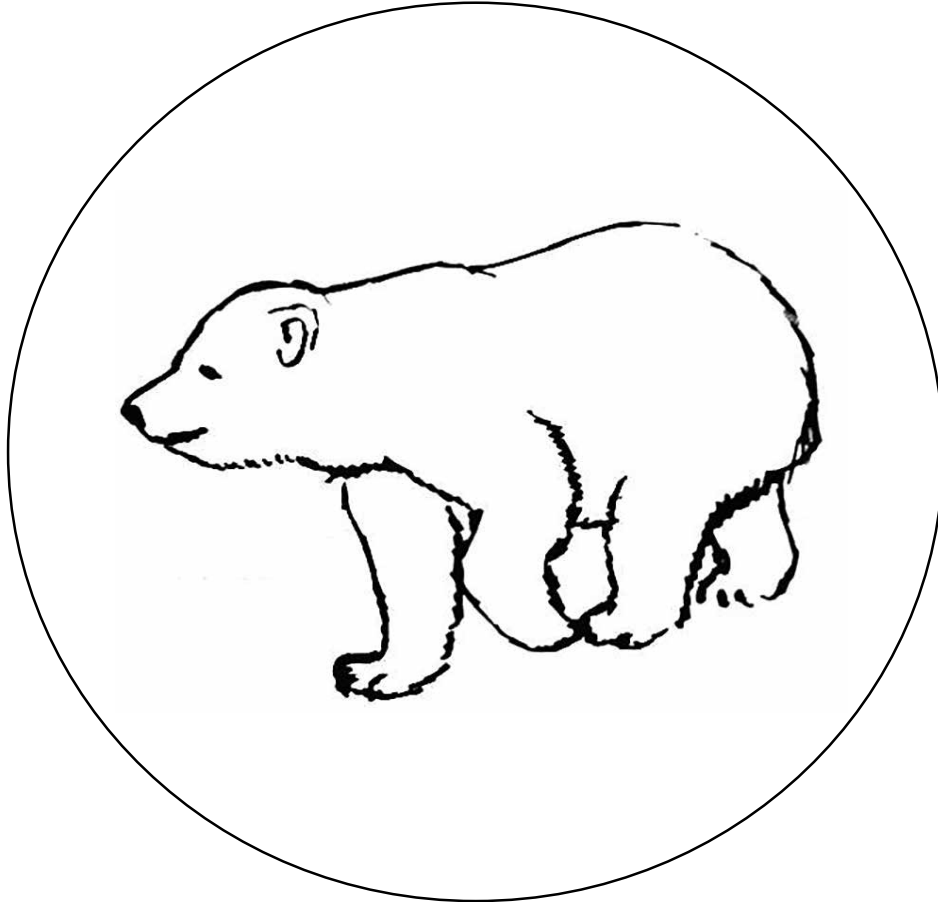
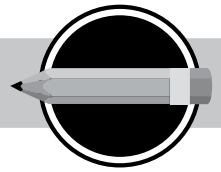
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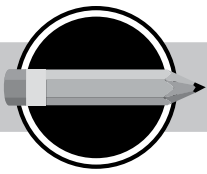
I realized that _____.

I thought that _____.

The author explains _____.

I learned that _____.

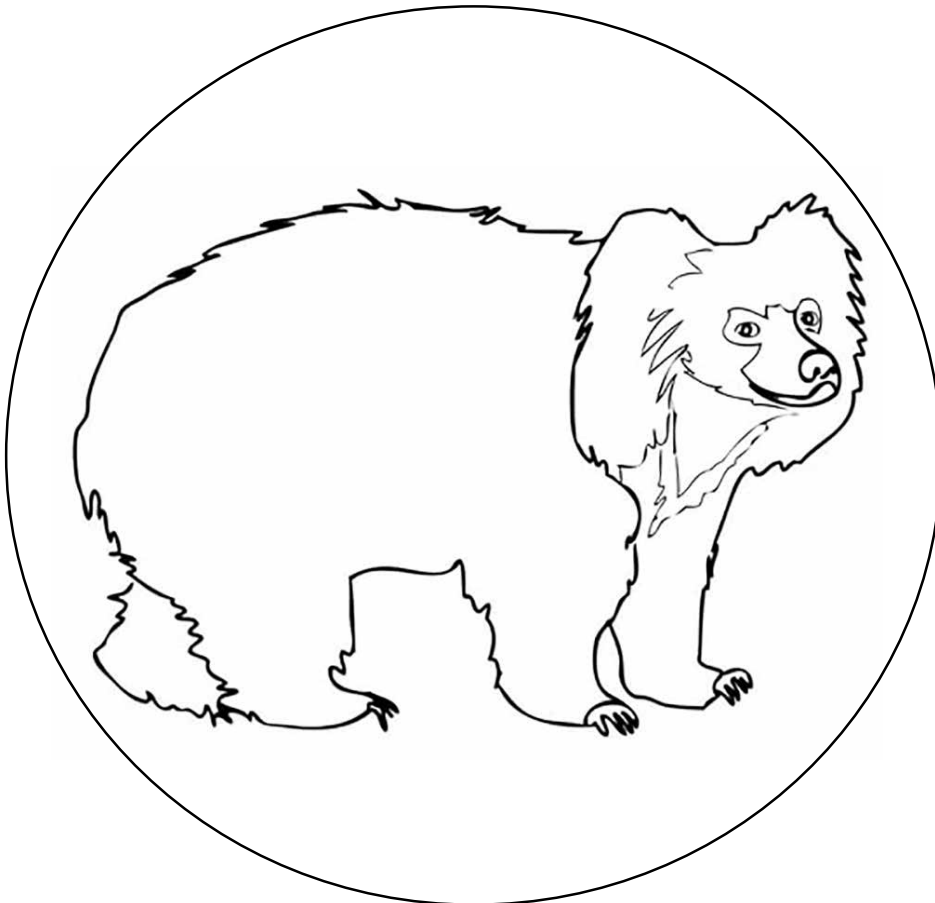
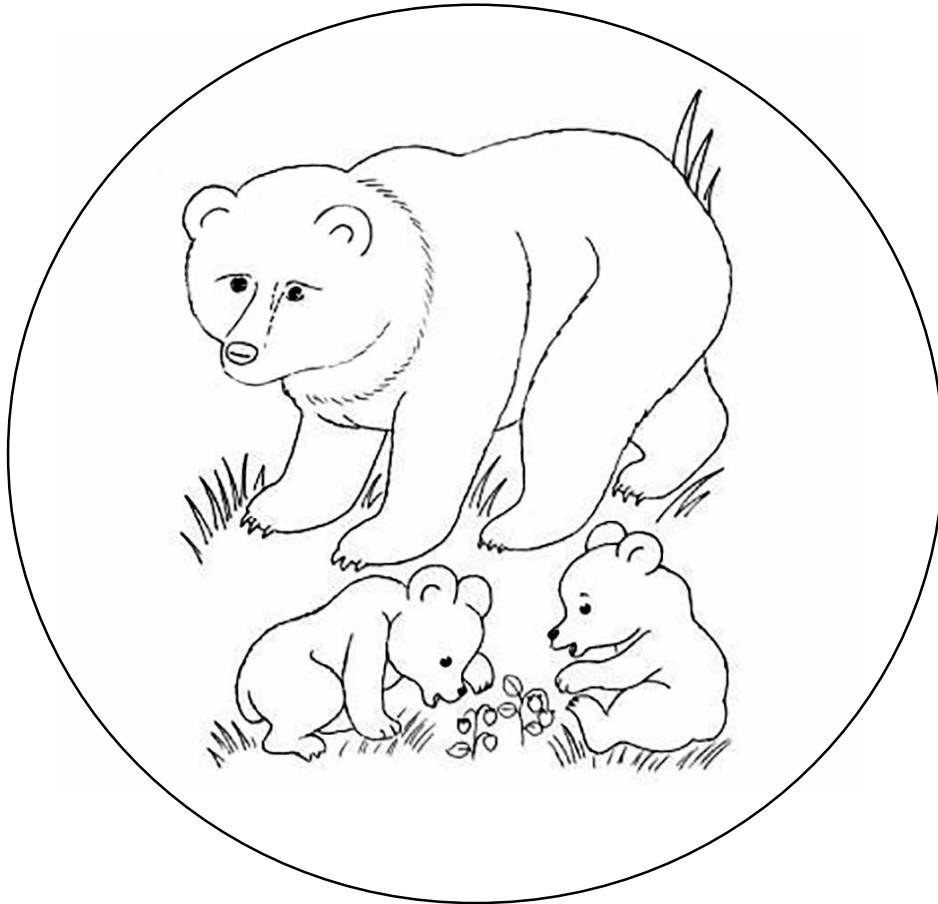
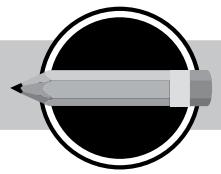


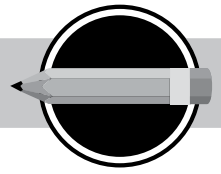


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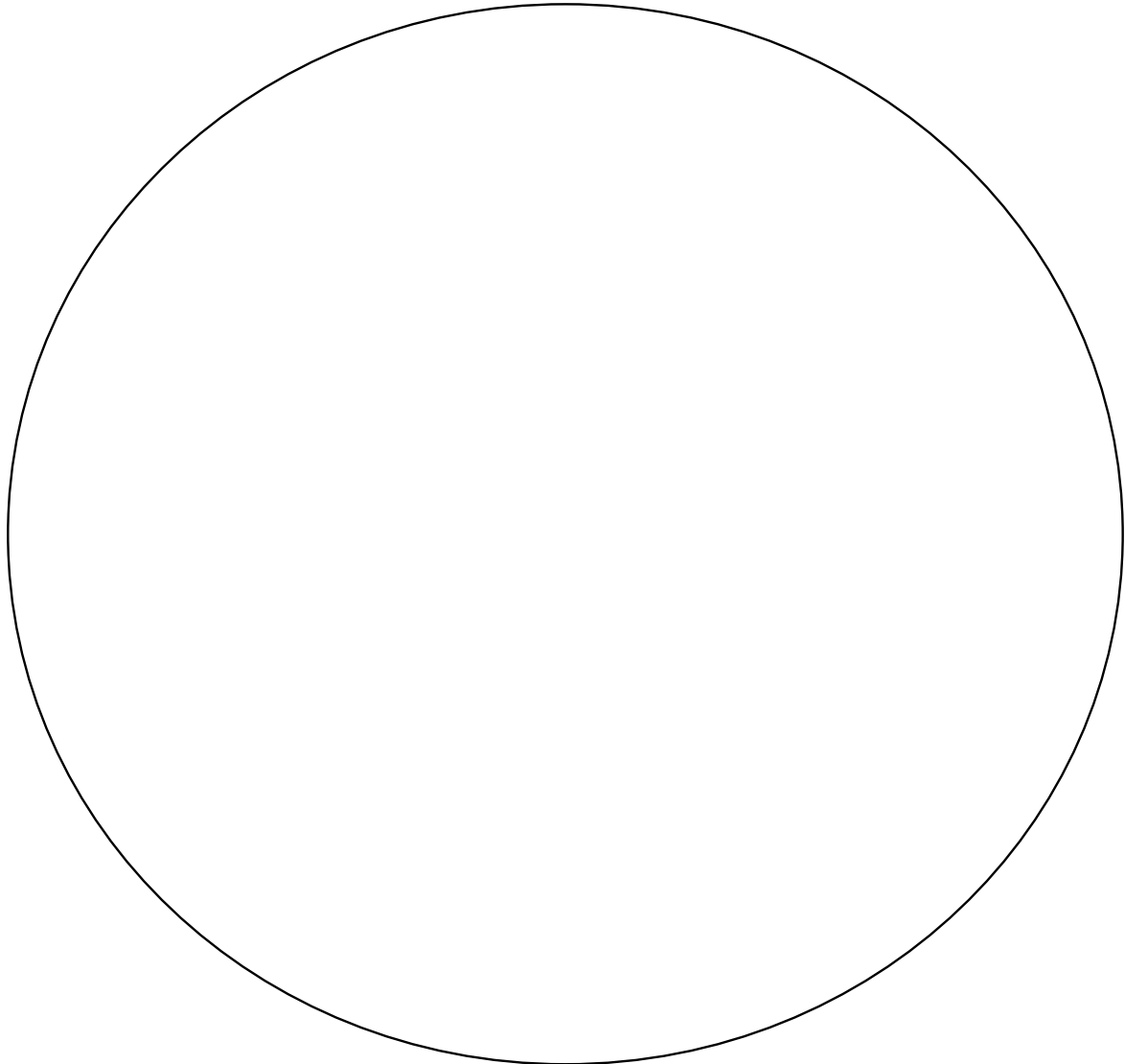


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Write Your Own Caption



In this illustration, - - - - -



Opinion Cards



Sentence Starters for Response to Narrative Texts

- In my opinion _____
- To me it seems that _____
- From my point of view _____
- The story problem was _____
- The way I see it _____
- The adventure was _____
- Without a doubt the best part _____
- The part I liked best was _____
- The part I enjoyed most was _____
- It reminded me of the time when _____

3

Pros



1

Cons



2

What is your opinion about this story?

4

I am against _____.

I am opposed to _____.

I disapprove of _____.

I dislike _____.

I am anti-_____.

I am in opposition of _____.

No! I really don't like/want _____.

I do not support _____.

In my opinion _____.

From my point of view _____.

The way I see it _____.

I am for _____.

I am in favor of _____.

I am pro _____.

I approve _____.

I am leaning toward _____.

I prefer _____.

Yes! I like _____.

I support _____.

It made me think of _____.

The most exciting part was _____.

I felt sad when _____.

The funniest scene was _____.

I really loved _____.

My reason for liking this story is _____.

I liked this story because _____.

My reason for disliking this story is _____.

The story made me feel _____.

What I enjoyed most about the story _____.

I would not recommend this book because _____.

I would recommend this book because _____.



Opinion Cards

What was the story problem or adventure?

5

What was the best part of the story?

6

What did the story remind you of
in your own life?

7

What was the most exciting part?

8

Without a doubt the best part _____.

The part I liked best was _____.

The part I enjoyed most was _____.

The most exciting part was _____.

It reminded me of the time when _____.

It made me think of _____.

To me it seems that _____.

The story problem was _____.

The adventure was _____.



Opinion Cards

What part of the story made you feel sad?

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What scene in the story was the funniest?

10

What did you love about this story?

11

What is your reason for liking this story?

12

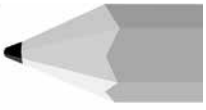
My reason for liking this story is _____.

I liked this story because _____.

The funniest scene was _____.

I really loved _____.

I felt sad when _____.



Opinion Cards

What is your reason for disliking this story?

13

What did you enjoy the most about the story?

15

How did the story make you feel?

14

Why would you NOT recommend this book?

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I would NOT recommend this book because _____.

The story made me feel _____.

What I enjoyed most about the story _____.

My reason for disliking this story is _____.

I disliked this story because _____.

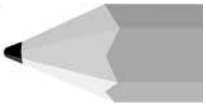
What I enjoyed most about the story _____.

My reason for disliking this story is _____.

I disliked this story because _____.

I would NOT recommend this book because _____.

The story made me feel _____.



Opinion Cards

What do you prefer?

19

Why would you recommend this book?

17

What do you prefer?

20

Opinion/Point of View Activity Take a Class Poll

- beach vs. amusement park
- chocolate ice cream vs. vanilla ice cream
- school lunch vs. bringing lunch to school
- dogs vs. cats
- winter vs. summer
- movie theater vs. home video
- baseball vs. football
- hot dog vs. hamburgers
- hide n seek vs. tag

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chocolate ice cream

vs.

vanilla ice cream

because...

- pancakes vs. waffles
- eating out vs. eating at home
- riding bike vs. skate boarding
- apples vs. bananas
- math vs. reading
- narrative books vs. expository/informative books
- lemonade vs. chocolate milk
- spaghetti vs. tacos

beach

vs.

amusement park

because...

I would recommend this book because _____



Opinion Cards

What do you prefer?

21

What do you prefer?

22

What do you prefer?

23

What do you prefer?

24

winter

vs.

summer

because...

school lunch

vs.

bringing lunch to school

because...

movie theater

vs.

home video

because...

dogs

vs.

cats

because...



Opinion Cards

What do you prefer?

25

What do you prefer?

26

What do you prefer?

27

What do you prefer?

28

hide n seek
vs.
tag

because...

baseball
vs.
football

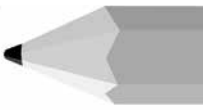
because...

pancakes
vs.
waffles

because...

hot dog
vs.
hamburgers

because...



Opinion Cards

What do you prefer?

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What do you prefer?

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What do you prefer?

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What do you prefer?

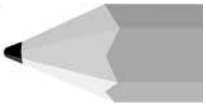
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apples
vs.
bananas
because...

eating out
vs.
eating at home
because...

math
vs.
reading
because...

riding bike
vs.
skate boarding
because...



Opinion Cards

What do you prefer?

33

What do you prefer?

35

Take a position! Pose an issue to the class.

- have a set bedtime?
- limit TV, computer time?
- have an extra recess each day?
- have a class pet?
- be allowed to wear flip flops?
- have dessert every day?
- have an all boy or all girl classroom?
- have gym class daily?
- have homework?
- have school six days a week?

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What do you prefer?

34

Take a position!

narrative books
vs.
expository/informative books
because...

spaghetti
vs.
tacos
because...

lemonade
vs.
chocolate milk
because...



Opinion Cards

Take a position!

37

Take a position!

38

Take a position!

39

Take a position!

40

Should we –
have an extra recess each day?

Should we –
have a set bedtime?

Should we –
have a class pet?

Should we –
limit TV or computer time?



Opinion Cards

Take a position!

41

Take a position!

42

Take a position!

43

Take a position!

44

Should we -
have an all boy or all girl
classroom?

Should we -
be allowed to wear flip flops?

Should we -
have gym class daily?

Should we -
have dessert all day?



Opinion Cards

Whether positive or negative, it is helpful to have a variety of ways to express opinions. These sentence starters can be used to state the author's position of stance on just about any topic, situation, activity, and issue. Some general phrases are:

What's your Opinion?

- In my opinion _____.
- From my point of view, _____.
- The way I see it, _____.
- I believe that _____.
- Don't you agree that _____?
- I feel that _____.

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Take a position!

45



Like?

- I totally enjoy _____.
- My preference is _____.
- I always appreciate _____.
- I absolutely love _____.
- What could be better than _____.
- There's nothing I enjoy more than _____.
- It's rewarding to _____.
- I really like _____.
- My favorite _____ is _____.

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Take a position!

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Dislike?

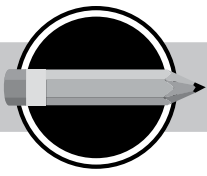


- I absolutely can't stand _____.
- My least favorite _____.
- I'd never choose to _____.
- I try to avoid _____.
- It's frustrating to _____.
- I really dislike _____.
- I detest _____.
- I'm not a fan of _____.
- I just can't appreciate _____.

Should we –
have homework?

What's Your Opinion?

Should we –
have school six days a week?



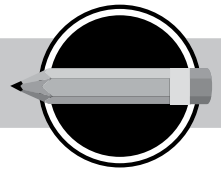
Opinion Template

I like _____

because _____

_____ .

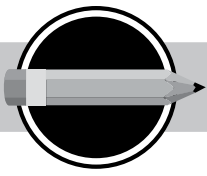
Favorite Part of the Story Template



My favorite part of the story was _____

because _____

_____ .



Favorite Story Template

My favorite story was _____

because I liked _____

_____ .