

# **Opinion Writing**

# What is an opinion?

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An opinion is the way you feel, think about, or view someone or something based on your schema and/or life experiences. Opinions are different from facts because facts are always true.

An example of an opinion would be if you think cats make better pets than dogs, but your friend thinks dogs make better pets than cats. Neither person is wrong, it's just a difference of opinions.

# Opinion Words and Phrases

## Introductory Words and Phrases

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 I feel  
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 I strongly believe  
 From my point of view  
 It's my belief  
 Based on what I know  
 I am convinced  
 Speaking for myself  
 I know you will have to agree that  
 I am confident that

## Transitions

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 Next  
 After that  
 Additionally  
 Equally important  
 Consequently  
 Besides  
 Further/furthermore  
 Clearly  
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 In addition  
 For all these reasons  
 Finally  
 In conclusion

## Opinion Clues

Always/Never  
 Awful/Wonderful  
 Beautiful/Ugly  
 Better/Best/Worst  
 Delicious/Disgusting  
 Definitely  
 Enjoyable/Horrible  
 Favorite  
 For/Against  
 Good/Bad  
 Inferior/Superior  
 Oppose/Support  
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 Unfair  
 Worthwhile

# Work Session Practice

Choose one topic from each pair. Write an Opinion sentence stating why you think your choice is best.

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- Cats or dogs
- Summer or winter
- Pizza or tacos
- Mountains or beach
- Crayons or markers

## Lesson 2

# Why is it important to learn how to state and write about one's opinion?

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- To explain your point of view
- To give reasons, along with examples, for why you feel the way you do about a topic
- To try to convince others to see the topic from your perspective
- To persuade others to feel the way you do about a topic

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Look over your work from Lesson 1. Choose one of these to use for Lesson 2.

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# EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH

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## Directions for marking example paragraph

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- Use a **red** crayon to underline the opinion statement.
- Use a **blue** crayon to underline each reason that supports the opinion.
- Use an **orange** crayon to underline an example for the reason.
- Use a **green** crayon to underline the closing sentence.

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