Name & Surname: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

My Opinion Counts!

State it, support it, wrap it up.

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Good Opinion Writing

An **opinion** is what you think or feel. A **fact** can be checked and is true for all.

- A strong piece starts by stating your **opinion** clearly.
- Give two or three **reasons** that support it.
- Use **linking** words like because, and, also to connect ideas.
- End with a **conclusion** that restates your opinion.



Task A

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Read each sentence. Write fact or opinion in the last box.

Sentence	Fact or Opinion?
Dogs have four legs.	
Dogs are the best pets.	
Pizza is round.	
Pizza tastes great.	

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Solve the Mystery

Use clues to find the best choice.

Key words

opinion: what you think or feel

fact: something true you can check

because: a word that links opinion and reason

reason: why you think that

support: to help show your idea is strong

conclusion: last part that repeats your opinion

Task B

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Sort the clues to find why kickball won the vote. Starter: The class chose kickball because...

Why did the class choose kickball for the game?

Cut out the cards.

A pencil fell off a desk during the vote.	Student D said: Kickball uses the big field, so it is safe.	A fact: A kickball is round and soft.
Student A wrote: I think kickball is the best game.	Student C gave a reason: Teams are fair because all can play.	Student E ended with: That is why we should play kickball.
The teacher counted 18 votes for kickball and 6 for tag.	The vote was in the morning before math class.	Student B gave a reason: Everyone gets a turn to kick and run.

Your answer, using the clues:

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Rank Strong Reasons

Decide which reasons support an opinion best.

Task C

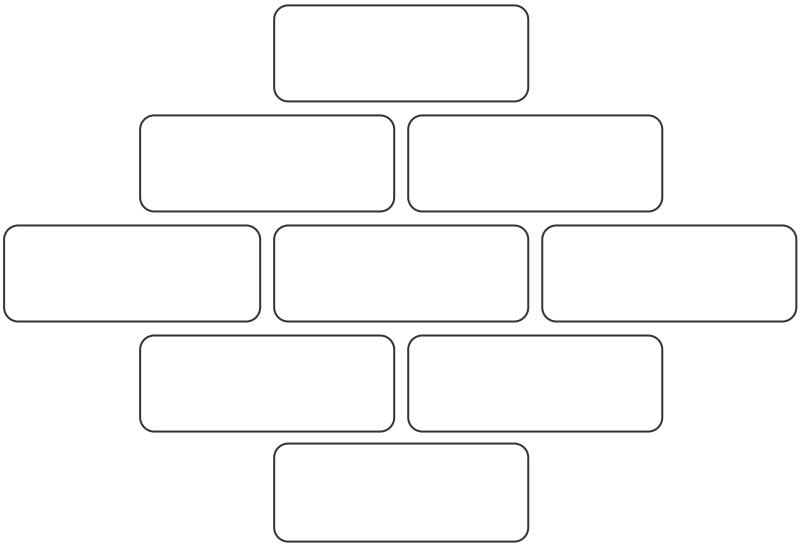
Cut and rank the reasons for longer recess from strongest to weakest.

Which **reason** best supports: Recess should be longer?

Cut out the cards.

We get exercise to stay healthy	We have time to play with friends	Fresh air helps us focus later
We can try many different games	We have time to finish our snack	Recess is fun
I like swings the most	Your own idea	Your own idea

▲ Most important



▼ Least important

Why did you put your top card at the top?

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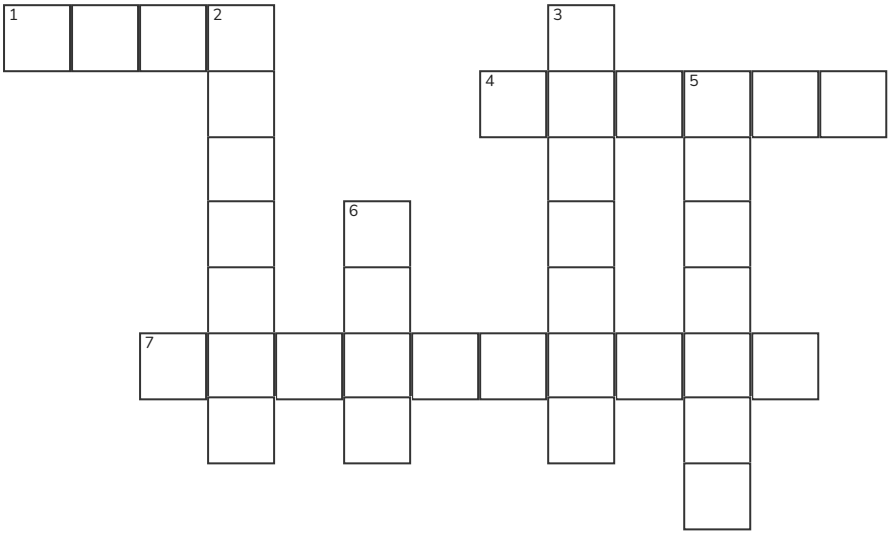
Opinion Crossword Puzzle

Practice key words for opinion writing.

Task D

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Read each clue and write the word.



Across

1. linking word that adds more (4)
4. why you think that (6)
7. ending that restates your opinion (10)

Down

2. what you think or feel (7)
3. links an opinion to a reason (7)
5. help show your idea is strong (7)
6. something true you can check (4)

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can tell a fact from an opinion. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can support my opinion with reasons. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can use linking words and write a conclusion. ☹ 😐 ☺

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Answer sheet: My Opinion Counts!

Task A

Dogs have four legs. | fact
Dogs are the best pets. | opinion
Pizza is round. | fact
Pizza tastes great. | opinion

Task B

The class chose kickball because most students gave strong reasons and most votes were for kickball.
Red herring: A pencil fell off a desk during the vote.

Task C

Answers will vary.

Task D

1 across: ALSO
2 down: OPINION
3 down: BECAUSE
4 across: REASON
5 down: SUPPORT
6 down: FACT
7 across: CONCLUSION

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