

Lesson 17**Writing an Opinion**

Write about one or more of the following ideas.

1. School days

Is there an issue at school that you feel strongly about? Maybe you think that too much or too little attention is given to sports. Or maybe you think that your school needs to spend more money on the arts. Write about the thing that bugs you the most.

2. Favorite sports team

Do you like football? How about baseball? Or is it basketball that you adore? Write about your favorite sports team. Tell why you think it is the best.

3. Music is a personal taste.

Everyone has opinions about music. What kind of music do you enjoy most? Write your opinion and support it with excellent reasons.

4. Make up your own!

What topic do you feel strongly about? Write an opinion. Tell exactly how you feel about the topic. Include at least three good reasons to make your opinion convincing.

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Supporting Reasons

Read the opinion and supporting reasons below.
Place a check (✓) beside the four best reasons.

Opinion: The cafeteria should serve pizza for lunch twice a week.

- When you write an **opinion** you want readers to understand how you feel and why you feel that way.
- **Supporting reasons** let readers know why you feel a certain way.

1. _____ **a.** Pizza is cheap and easy for the cooks to make.
_____ **b.** Most kids like to eat pizza.
_____ **c.** Pizza makes kids feel like lunch is fun.
_____ **d.** Elan always trades her pizza with Eve for cookies.
_____ **e.** Pizza is round.
_____ **f.** Pizza is easier to clean up than spaghetti or chili.

Read the opinion. Write three supporting reasons for the opinion.

Opinion: We should treat other students with kindness and respect.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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