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Name _____ Date _____

Writing Prompts – Opinion Essay

- 1 • Why everyone should own a dog
- 2 • How to make the best chocolate chip cookies
- 3 • Why math is the most useful subject
- 4 • How to best cool down on a hot day
- 5 • Why sleeping in late is good for you
- 6 • How homework is good for you
- 7 • Why it is fun to camp in your backyard
- 8 • Why skiing is better than snowboarding
- 9 • Why basketball is better than soccer
- 10 • How staying up past your bedtime is okay
- 11 • Why eating breakfast for dinner is fun
- 12 • Why every day should be Saturday
- 13 • Why school should start at 9 o'clock in the morning
- 14 • How to best teach someone to ride a bike
- 15 • What you are thankful for and why
- 16 • Why brothers are better than sisters (or why sisters are better than brothers)
- 17 • Why taking a train is more fun than taking an airplane
- 18 • Your favorite food and why
- 19 • Why everyone should live on an island
- 20 • Why a goldfish makes a good first pet
- 21 • Why kids should do chores



Expository Essay Prompts

Expository (informative) writing communicates information to the reader to share knowledge or to convey messages, instructions, and ideas. It involves communicating information at various levels of understanding, such as describing information, explaining or interpreting information, clarifying a process, or evaluating information. Examples include writing reports or letters.

The informative topics in 1998 National Assessment of Educational Progress writing assessment required students to write on specified subjects in a variety of formats, such as reports, reviews, and letters. Several of the informative topics asked students to respond to letters, cartoons, or articles. The writing assessment prompts presented students with a variety of tasks, such as offering advice to younger students and reporting to a school committee.

1. If you could make changes in your school lunchroom what would they be?
2. Most people like one particular animal more than others. What is your favorite animal? Why is it your favorite?
3. Everyone has days that they will always remember as being very special. Think about a special day that you have had. Write an essay telling why it was so special.
4. Rules are important. What are the most important rules at your school and why are they important?
5. If you could choose any animal for a class pet, what would you choose and why?
6. Explain why it is important to learn to read.
7. If you could change places with another person for a whole day, who would you change places with and why would you choose that person?
8. We are learning all the time. Some of our learning takes place in school and some outside of school. Write about something you have learned recently and how it has affected you.
9. Think of the ideal job for you when you grow up. Now think of reasons why this would be a good job for you. Write an essay to explain why this is your ideal job.
10. Think of a book that you have read and really enjoyed. Write an essay explaining why you really enjoyed that book.
11. Imagine that time travel to the past was possible. Think of where and when you would like to go for a visit. Write an essay telling where and when you would go in the past and explain why you choose to go there.
12. Your cousin is moving to your town. Write a letter explaining why your town is such a wonderful place to live.
13. Imagine that you had no TV, computer, or video games for one week. Think of some activities that you can do instead to keep you busy and out of trouble. Write an essay to explain what you can do to keep occupied in a week of no TV, computer, or video games.
14. We all have a place where we can imagine or go where we want to be alone and relax. Think of your favorite place. Now write an essay explaining why this place is your favorite.
15. Think about your favorite year of school. Explain why it was your favorite year.
16. Friends are important, but everyone has a different opinion of what makes a good friend. Explain what, in your opinion makes a good friend.
17. Some teachers are special. Explain why one particular teacher in your life was so special.
18. If your principal asked you to write your opinion about what needed to be changed in your school what would you write?
19. Due to trouble on the playground, the principal has sent home a letter stating there will no longer be an after-lunch recess. Write a letter to convince your principal to continue after-lunch recess. Before you start writing, think about the problem during recess. Think about why students need recess. Think about the benefits for the teachers. Decide what students and teachers can do to correct the problem. Think about the results of keeping recess during school. Now write a letter to convince the principal to continue after-lunch recess.
20. Your brother or sister is having a birthday. Your grandparents have asked for ideas for a present. Write a letter to your grandparents suggesting a gift your brother or sister might like. Before you start writing, think about what the gift could be. Think about why your younger brother or sister would like the gift. Think about how your grandparents can locate this gift. Now write a letter to your grandparents suggesting a birthday gift for your younger brother or sister.
21. Your class has been studying ways of improving our environment. One of these ways is by recycling items you would normally throw away. This might be an empty paper towel roll, empty milk carton, or an old telephone book. Write 3 - 5 paragraphs for your teacher explaining how you can create or recycle something from a discarded item or throwaway. Before you start writing, think about what item you are going to recycle. Think about what new item you are going to create from it. Decide on the materials needed for this project. Think about the clear, step-by-step directions for making your recycled item. Decide how this recycled item will be useful. Now write a paragraph or more for your teacher explaining how you will create something new from a discarded item.
22. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay answering the question, "Why do you like your favorite subject in school?" Before you begin writing, think about which school subject you like best. Consider exactly what it is you like about that subject. Think about interesting things you have learned or done in that subject. Now write an essay for your teacher telling why you like your favorite school subject.
23. Your teacher has scheduled a unit test for Monday. Write a letter to your teacher requesting this unit test be rescheduled for another day. Before you start writing, think about why this test should be rescheduled. Think about what could be done to better prepare the students for the test. Consider the benefits for the students and the teacher for rescheduling. Now write a letter to your teacher requesting a unit test be rescheduled to another day.
24. You lost your watch while visiting a friend in another town. Your friend's mother found your watch and mailed it to you. Write a letter to your friend's mother thanking her for returning the lost watch. Before you start to write, think about

Monday

Required - I'll send answer keys over remind.

To join remind: Send text to 81010 @K8f9f4

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded words below.

1. Ariel felt **dismay** when she thought her dog ran away.
2. The horse and buggy became **obsolete** when the automobile was invented.

Correct these sentences.

3. does you like the song the star spangled banner
4. the note said bring paint paper and brushes to art class

Give the present tense of the verb.

5. Cynthia dug her heels into the sand.

Tuesday

Name:

What two words make up the contraction?

1. you'd

Correct these sentences.

2. she is moving to a new house at 3881 hidden oaks lane
3. the handkerchief fall off the table land on the floor and blew into the living room

Circle the word that is not spelled correctly.

4. diner dinosaur dynamite draggon
5. cavern clover clothes calamity

Subject pronoun or object pronoun?

- 1. We love to sing the song "Horse with No Name." _____
- 2. The Findleys visited her at Niagara Falls last summer. _____

Correct these sentences.

- 3. we finded a tick on are dog tucker

- 4. when you finish reading tv guide magazine will you threw me the basketball

Give the past and future tense of the following verb.

- 5. fly _____

Correct these sentences.

- 1. mother shouted ive got the phone you can hang up now

- 2. mr toby gived larry the book the five chinese brothers to read over the weekend

Does the underlined adjective tell which one, what kind, or how many?

- 3. Marla's younger brother had no baseball cards to trade.

Fact or fantasy?

- 4. Willis had his car painted red to cover the rust. _____
- 5. The red car asked the blue car where it got that great paint job.

Daily Language Review
WEEK **19** **Friday** Name: _____

Tell what the underlined figures of speech mean.

1. Jeremy smiled from ear to ear.

2. Doug and William were at each other's throats over the rules of the game.

3. Dennis is only two years old, but he has a mind of his own.

4. He ran faster than a speeding bullet.

5. Ivan was in a fog when he first woke up.

Daily Language Review
WEEK **19** **My Progress** Name: _____

How many did you get correct each day? Color the squares.

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Circle the word that is spelled correctly.

- 1. acter acktor ackter actor
- 2. subject subgect subjekt subject

Correct these sentences.

3. i sitted by myself on the plain and red for chapters

4. we visits martin luther kings memorial in atlanta georgia

Complete the analogy.

5. botany : plants :: zoology : _____

Correct these sentences.

1. elvis our cat play with his toy and then he played on the scratching post

2. where is the dogs leash calvin asked sara (hint: a girl is the speaker)

Add a suffix to the word.

3. quick _____

Subject pronoun or object pronoun?

4. Steve gave me his ski poles to borrow. _____

5. They delivered the Girl Scout cookies to my house. _____

WEEK 20 Daily Language Review Wednesday Name: _____

Common or proper noun?

- 1. Dr. Czapski _____
- 2. cinnamon toast _____

Correct these sentences.

- 3. the song a whole new world is won of my favorites

- 4. albert forget to where green on st patricks day

Is the sentence declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, or a command?

- 5. Watch this soup while I answer the phone. _____

WEEK 20 Daily Language Review Thursday Name: _____

Simile or metaphor?

- 1. He slept like a baby after jogging two miles. _____

Correct these sentences.

- 2. eleanor has broke her leg and gots to use crutches for three week

- 3. mr wheeler does you have the phone number for the Cub Scout leader

Give the possessive form of the noun.

- 4. the rattle of the snake _____
- 5. the meeting of the businessmen _____

Write the word that best completes each sentence.

1. _____ you want sugar in your tea?
Does Do Is

2. Our favorite show _____ on at 4:00.
comed come comes

3. Cole _____ typing on the computer in his office.
was were be

4. The _____ on the shirt need to be resewn.
button's buttons buttons'

5. Paige gave the bookmark to _____.
he they him

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WEEK 21 Daily Language Review Monday Name: _____

Correct these sentences.

1. are class study the graph to find information about americas favorite pet

2. his car brokeed down on peek road so we call a toe truck

Singular or plural noun?

3. dice _____

4. marshmallow _____

What two words make up the contraction?

5. I'm _____

WEEK 21 Daily Language Review Tuesday Name: _____

Where does the following probably take place?

1. Harvey wanted to sit on Santa's lap, but the line was too long.

Correct these sentences.

2. jordans team has too outs and three strike

3. we heard mrs talley tell mr ogelvie that we is gonna have a fire drill at 230

Fiction or nonfiction?

4. Lyle the crocodile played the violin in the school orchestra.

5. The hearing of a dog is four times better than that of humans.

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bolded words below.

1. She was so happy to find the drums at a **bargain** price.

2. He could not **concentrate** because the television was too loud.

Correct these sentences.

3. well does you wanna take golf lessons with me mrs mermis asked

4. wilmas dog buster chased a cat down elm street did the cat get away

Past, present, or future?

5. We will see Michael Phelps swim the 200-meter race in July.

Correct these sentences.

1. glenn has to goed to the dentist on wednesday and was gave a blew toothbrush

2. mr ewing were working on his car engine in his driveway

What part of speech is underlined?

3. The cruise ship was scheduled to sail at 12:00 midnight.

4. Mr. Hill takes a class at the University of North Carolina.

Write one sentence using the homophone pair.

5. presents, presence

WEEK
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Friday

Name: _____

Which reference source would be best to look up the information: thesaurus, dictionary, atlas, encyclopedia, or almanac?

1. a synonym for the word "regal" _____
2. the origin of the word "croissant" _____
3. the state with tobacco as its main crop _____
4. information about the moons of Jupiter _____
5. the location of Shenandoah National Park _____

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Correct these sentences.

1. dontcha wish you're braces were coming off soon maria asked liza (hint: Liza is speaking)

2. even though wed be late to the play we decided to waits in the car for the rain to stop

Give the pronoun that would replace the underlined words.

3. Beth lost her glasses at the library. _____
4. The dentist said, "Open wide." _____

Past, present, or future?

5. I last saw your wallet on the bookcase. _____

Complete these analogies.

1. cardinal : bird :: monkey : _____
2. ten : decade :: one hundred : _____

Correct these sentences.

3. we thought she was in the room when we made the decision

4. the poem called at the seaside by robert louis stevenson is six lines long

Fact or opinion?

5. He exercises every night at the gym. _____

WEEK
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Daily Language Review

Wednesday

Name: _____

Add a prefix to the word.

1. behave _____

Correct these sentences.

2. marissa said i couldnt get to sleep until 1100 last night

3. im not gonna get no salad for dinner tonight

Circle the correct way to divide each word into syllables.

4. re-memb-er rem-em-ber re-mem-ber

5. gym-nas-tics gy-mnas-tics gym-nast-ics

WEEK
22

Daily Language Review

Thursday

Name: _____

Correct these sentences.

1. my moms a nurse she works at colombia hospital dan told michael

2. the sign on the store said come back in ten minute

Circle the word that comes first in alphabetical order.

3. golf going gorilla governor

4. hardware hanger happily hand

Which word best completes the sentence?

5. _____ telephone was busy when I tried to call.

allison's Allison's Allison's

Read the following paragraph and decide if the underlined parts have a capitalization error, a punctuation error, a spelling error, or no mistake.

The play was scheduled to begin at 9:30. Everyone was in costume? Suddenly, the fire alarm went off, and everyone exited the building. Wen the bell sounded to return to the building, the doors were locked, and the whole School was locked outside.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

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