

My Opinion

What do you think? Tell us — and give your reasons!

Name: _____

Date: _____

■ The Big Question: **What is the best pet?**

■ Step 1: Circle Your Pet

■ Dog

■ Cat

■ Fish

■ Hamster

■ Bird

■ Turtle

■■ Step 2: State Your Opinion

■ Write the name of your pet.

I think a _____ is the best pet.

■ Step 3: Give Reason 1

■ Why is it a good pet?

One reason is _____

■ Step 4: Give Reason 2

■ Give a second reason!

Another reason is _____

■ Step 5: Wrap It Up

■ *Restate your opinion to finish strong.*

That is why I think a _____ is the best pet.

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■ Draw Your Pet!



Opinion writer: _____

Strong opinion! ■

Marking Guide

My Opinion — Grade 1 Writing

For the tutor/teacher: This is an introduction to opinion writing. The scaffold guides students through stating an opinion, giving two reasons, and restating their conclusion. Accept any pet choice and any reasonable reasons. Focus on the structure rather than correctness of opinion.

■ Writing Checklist

Skill	What to look for	Check
Opinion Statement	Names a pet and states it is the best	Yes / Needs Work
Reason 1	Gives a clear, relevant reason	Yes / Needs Work
Reason 2	Gives a second distinct reason	Yes / Needs Work
Conclusion	Restates the opinion in the closing sentence	Yes / Needs Work
Capital Letters	All sentences begin with a capital letter	Yes / Needs Work
Punctuation	Sentences end with a period	Yes / Needs Work
Drawing	Pet drawing is included	Yes / Needs Work

■ Tutor Feedback

The strongest part of this opinion piece:

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One writing skill to practise next:

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