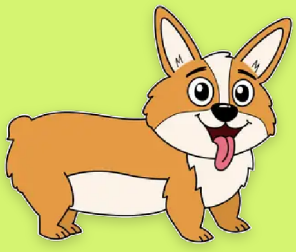
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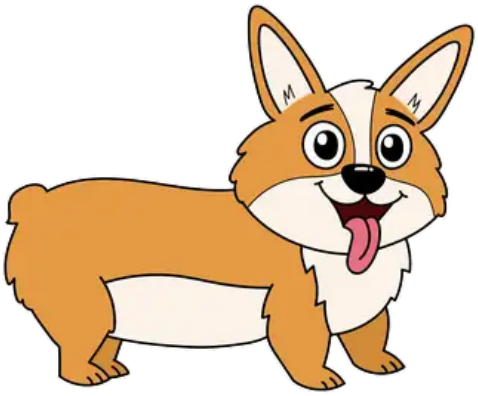
I Think... Because...



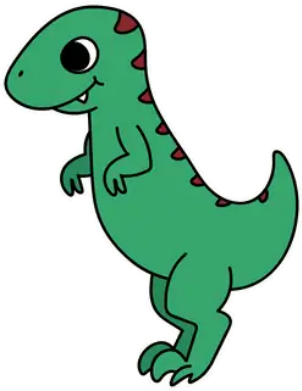
Which would be the better class pet: *a* corgi or *a* T. rex? Check one. Then tell why.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

☐ **A corgi**



☐ **A T. rex**



I think the better class pet is *a*

One reason is

Another reason is

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OREO Opinion Organizer

Plan your opinion like a sandwich cookie: Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion again.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

My topic:

O **Opinion** I think...

R **Reason** One reason is...

E **Example** For example...

O **Opinion again** That is why I think...

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Pick an Opinion Prompt

Check one question you have a strong opinion about. Then plan three reasons, each with proof.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Pick one

- ☐ Should kids have homework on weekends?
- ☐ What is the best season of the year?
- ☐ Should every class have a pet?
- ☐ Is it better to read the book or watch the movie?
- ☐ Should recess be longer?
- ☐ What is the best animal to draw?
- ☐ Should kids pick their own bedtime?
- ☐ Is breakfast the most important meal?

My opinion:

_____

_____

Reason	Proof (a fact, an example or a story)

My closing sentence:

_____

_____

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Linking Words for Opinions

Linking words connect an opinion to its reasons. Fill in each blank with a word from the bank. Use each one once.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Word bank

because · **for example** · **also** · **in addition** · **in conclusion** · **I believe**

1 _____ dogs make the best pets. One reason is that dogs are loyal, 2 _____ they stay by your side. 3 _____, my dog waits by the door every day when I get home. 4 _____, dogs help you get exercise. They 5 _____ make you laugh with their silly tricks. 6 _____, a dog is a great friend for any family.

Write your own opinion about a pet. Use at least three linking words.

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Opinion Letter to the Principal

What one change would make your school better? Write a polite letter to convince your principal.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Reason 1

Reason 2

Someone might say... but...

Dear _____ **,**

I think our school should

Sincerely, _____

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Answer key: Opinion writing

Linking Words for Opinions

1. **I believe**
2. **because**
3. **For example**
4. **In addition**
5. **also**
6. **In conclusion**

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