

Third Grade
Writing Skills Workbook

Samples



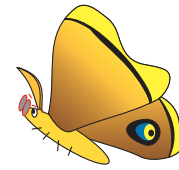
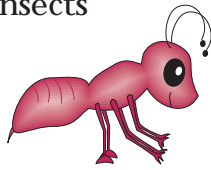
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Possible things to write about

Facts

three parts: head, thorax, abdomen
exoskeleton, antennae, six legs,
compound eye, eggs, wings,
names of insects

Narrative

an experience you had with insects

Opinion

how you feel about insects

Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of three horizontal lines (top, middle, bottom) in green, blue, and red colors.

Writing Opinion Paragraphs

Sometimes you may want to share an opinion and try to explain why you think that way. You may want to write in a way that might convince someone to agree with you. Certain words can help make your writing more convincing.

Write an introduction statement.

I believe _____ I think _____ I like _____ I feel _____

In my opinion _____ I prefer _____ The best _____ My favorite _____

Support your opinion with 3 or more reasons. Order the reasons with transition words.

First _____ For starters _____ To begin with _____

Second _____ Next _____ Additionally _____ Another reason _____

Third _____ Finally _____ The last reason _____

Conclude your opinion by restating it.

It's easy to see that _____ I'm sure you will agree that _____

In conclusion _____ In summary _____

For these reasons _____ It's reasonable to _____

Include words and phrases that convince.

clearly obviously plainly always certainly never definitely beyond doubt

Include opinion adjectives.

beautiful terrible ugly delicious awful horrible
unfair better wonderful great favorite poor

Spelling List: mountain, thousand, counter, cloudy, amount, announce, couch, powder, coward, shower, cowboy, brownie, downpour, eyebrow, flour, flower

Vocabulary List: adventure, attention, commotion, complain, creature, daydream, encourage, excitement, introduced, refreshing, tremendous, trustworthy

Which is better?

Doing something relaxing or doing something exciting

Complain about something that bothers you or overlook it and say nothing

Being a cowboy or playing a sport

Growing a flower garden or growing a vegetable garden

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Choose a spelling or vocabulary key word. Make a sentence.

Spelling List: adventure, rectangle, continue, nephew, shoestring, mountain, eyebrow, breakfast, teacher, approach, toaster, rejoice, avoid, windshield, butterflies, country, parachute, whisper, alphabet, shadow

Vocabulary List: allergic, business, concerned, handsome, mathematical, theatre

Key Word		
Subject: Who or What?		
Action: Doing What?		
Where?		
When?		
Why?		

Spelling List: daughter, frighten, cough, hamburger, curious, lumberyard, dictionary, embarrass, library, splinter, screwdriver, throat, watchdog, exchange, whistle, afternoon, lightweight, everything, because, bought

Vocabulary List: encourage, accident, identify, recognize, opportunity, expect, tournament, exhausted, distracting, auditorium

Tell	Show: who, what, where, when, why, how
<p>Her daughter ate the last hamburger.</p>	<p>Mom wondered what happened to the last hamburger. Her daughter's smile told her the answer. The red ketchup around the daughter's mouth gave it away. "It was delicious!" said the woman's daughter.</p>
<p>There's more than just lumber at the lumberyard.</p>	
<p>The watchdog chased away the burglars.</p>	
<p>The dictionary was helpful.</p>	