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# ***Opinion-Based Writing: Self-Expression***

**Directions:** When you write an opinion-based response or essay, your goal is to share your personal thoughts or beliefs. Sometimes you share what you think based on your experiences, and other times you learn about a topic and then present your ideas, perhaps with the goal of trying to get someone to agree with you! To warm up the skill of sharing your opinions, use the spaces below to document your thoughts in response to each question.

**What's the most fun thing to do on a Saturday?**

**What's the best after school snack?**

**What's the best outdoor activity?**

**What's better: pancakes or waffles?**

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# Opinion-Based Writing: Building an Argument

**Directions:** Whether you're writing a single paragraph or a whole page about your opinion, you need to follow a structure so that your response is organized. Begin with an introduction, include a few supporting reasons, and then add a conclusion that restates your opinion. Review the model and the space below to write your own opinion-based piece about your favorite game or toy.

<b>Model Opinion-Based Piece</b> <b>Topic:</b> What's your favorite season?	<b>My Opinion-Based Piece</b> <b>Topic:</b> What's your favorite game or toy?
<i>My favorite season is autumn.</i>	
<i>I like the autumn because</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. it is not too cold or too hot,</i></li><li><i>2. nature looks the prettiest at this time of year, and</i></li><li><i>3. there are many fun holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving.</i></li></ol>	
<i>Therefore, I like autumn because of the weather, colors, and holidays.</i>	

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# ***Opinion-Based Writing: Supporting Details***

**Directions:** Writing an opinion-based piece depends on strong supporting reasons and examples. Use the prompts below to list as many reasons as possible to support your opinion. Do not repeat reasons; aim for diversity!

**Which animals are better pets:  
cats or dogs?**

**Which is better: cake or pie?**

**Which is better: Friday or  
Saturday?**

**Which is better: hamburgers or  
hot dogs?**

