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3rd Grade: Opinion Writing
 Prompt: Cats or Dogs?

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I like

In my opinoin bolth would be a good pet.
Because dog is playful and greets you when you
 come home. A cat is playfull to and snuggles
 with you. I think a friendly bulldog is the best type
 of dog because it is not very tiny but it is
 little. I think all types of cats are great be-
cause they all snuggle with you. I think they
 are both great because the both love you
 one off the bad things about a dog is it gets
 annoying if he/she keeps liking you. A bad
 thing about a cat is she/he does not greet you.
 Both of them are good because if you take
 good care of them then they will love you.

States their opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words

Provides a concluding statement or section

In this third grade sample, the student does not introduce the topic or create an organizational structure that lists the reasons, but does state their opinion. The writer provides reasons for their opinion, but none are supported by evidence from the text—the supporting reasons are solely student experience. Although the writer uses the linking word because, no other linking words and phrases are used. The concluding statement provides a sufficient sense of closure to the piece. There is inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

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Cravan

p#1 I think a dog would be a better pet between a dog and a cat.
 First I think a dog would be a better pet because if there was a threat it could protect me. Second, if I picked up a cat it would probably bite me when if I pick up a dog it wouldn't bite me at all. Third, if I was blind, in a wheelchair, or couldn't hear, a dog could help me.

p#2 My opinion of which a dog or a cat would be better I would chose a dog because, they always like to go on walks or play. First, They can hear 4 times the distance humans can. Second, a dog can live to about 20 years old. Third, there are many breeds there are over 500 breeds of dogs so you can chose from MANY dogs.

p#3 Dogs are a better choice than a cat because, they are in many sports such as dog racing. First, dogs like greyhounds can run at 45 miles per hour.

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Second, the largest litter for a domestic dog is 23 puppies. Finally, dogs are a very interesting animal and I have chose a dog over a pet because they would be an amazing pet.

Introduces the topic and states an opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words

Provides a concluding statement or section

In this third grade sample, the student introduces the topic and states an opinion. The writer attempted to create an organizational structure, yet many reasons are not grouped well. The writer provided text-based reasons to support their opinion. The student used a variety of linking words throughout the sample. The concluding statement provides a sufficient sense of closure to the piece. The writer demonstrates an adequate command of conventions.

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Courtney

I think a dog would be a better pet. A dog would be a better pet because dogs can save peoples lives and cats are not as active as dog are. I bet a dog can protect me better than a cat can. Also, cats scratch people alot because they have sharp curved nails and dogs can bite but most dog are loyal and sweet. Sense dogs probably came from wolves, cave men used wolves to hunt for food and the wolves got them food and did as they were told.

Dogs are a very good companion for people. Another reason is they will play fetch all day long the next day your arm will be very sore from throwing the ball all day. Dogs always greet you when they get home. Dogs are very playful they love swimming, playing fetch, playing with other dogs, sled dog races, and many more things.

I personally think dogs are great pets they do all sorts of things I really like dogs you could probably get a dog for your self.

States their opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words and phrases

Provides a concluding statement or section

In this third grade sample, the student states an opinion, but does not introduce the topic. The writer attempted to create an organizational structure, yet many reasons are not grouped well. The writer provided some text-based reasons to support their opinion, as well as, provided some personal experiences. The student used linking words and phrases. The concluding statement provides a sufficient sense of closure to the piece. The writer demonstrates an inadequate command of conventions including errors in spelling and punctuation.

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Marriott

I will be doing a paragraph on how I think dogs are a better pets then cats. First dogs are more active then cats so I think that means dogs are more fun to play with and I think cats are more lazy. I also think dogs are smarter because they can lead the blind and help the police and the fire men. Dogs will also sleep with you and run and play fetch. Finally its really fun to take dogs on walks and hikes. I think dogs are the best pet you can.

Introduces the topic and states an opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words

Provides a concluding statement or section

In this third grade sample, the student introduces the topic and states an opinion. The writer provided some text-based reasons to support their opinion, as well as, provided some personal experiences. The writer did not attempt to create an organizational structure to list their reasons. The student used a variety of linking words throughout the sample. The writer provides a concluding statement, however, it seems incomplete. The student demonstrates an adequate use of spelling and capitalization, but not punctuation.

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David

My paragraph is on cats and dogs. cats are good if you need company. they also have great eyesight and hearing. they're excellent climbers. they also have great hunting skills with those sharp curved razor claws cavemen prized them for their hunting abilities. they're also fast runners and swim well. but dogs are great at guarding homes. and they also have great hunting abilities. they help the blind they also help police men and fire fighters. they are more fun to play fetch with. and they are great for company.

Provide reasons

Uses linking word

In this third grade sample, the writer does not attend to the prompt. The student does not clearly introduce the topic or state an opinion. The student provided reasons, however, those reasons were not linked to a clear opinion or in an organizational structure. The writer used one linking word. A variety of linking words would have improved reader's interest. The student did not provide a concluding statement or section. The writer demonstrated an inadequate use of conventions in capitalization, however, it may be from a lack of typing knowledge. The student shows adequate conventions in punctuation and spelling.

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Mira

If I had a dog
 it would be great to have a dog because
 you can train them to sit come and stay.
 But cats can scratch you and it can really
 hurt. Also dogs are smarter and stronger
 but cats aren't that strong. Also dogs help
 the blind and deaf and they even help the
 police ! Some dog are born to heard sheep
 and cows some are born to hunt. That is
why I like dogs so much!!

In this third grade sample, the writer does not attend to the prompt. The student does not clearly introduce the topic or state an opinion. The student provided reasons, however, those reasons were not linked to a clear opinion or in an organizational structure. The student used a few linking words in the sample. The concluding statement provided adequate closure to the piece. The writer demonstrates adequate command in conventions in capitalization and spelling, however lacks appropriate use of punctuation.

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Faith

If you had to choose between a cat or a dog what would you choose? I would choose a dog. I like dogs as a pet better than cats as a pet because they serve people who have special needs, there are a lot of different kinds of dogs that you can choose from when your getting a dog, they can have cute puppies to sell and get money, dogs have interesting senses. Let me tell you why dogs are better pets than cat as pets.

First, they serve people who have special needs. From my reading I know, dogs lead people around that are blind. Did you know dogs help people who are deaf. They also help people in wheel chairs. And they comfort people who are in the hospital. For example I saw a person with a dog leading her around because she was blind.

Next, they are a lot of different kinds of dogs to choose from when your getting a dog. The article states, there 500 different types of dogs. The mixed kinds are called mutts. Do you know that the smallest type of breed is the chihuahua. And the biggest breed is the english mustiff. for instace, when my friend picked out a dog there where tons of kinds of dogs to pick from.

Then, dogs can have cute puppies and sell them and get money. The author says, they usually have six to 10 popies at a time.

Introduces the topic and states an opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words and phrases

Faith

Do you know the record of puppies at a time is 23 puppies, wow thats a lot. And dogs can have to two a year. for example, my friends dog had 8 puppies at a time and sold 6 of them and got a lot of money.

Last, dogs have intresting senses. From my reading I know, dogs are color blind that is when dogs can only see black and white. And they can hear sounds up to 4 times as much as we can. Wow thats awesome. Do you know they eat meat and vegetables. For instanse, my friends dogs eat meat and vegetables.

AS you can see, Dogs are better pets than cats as a pet. First, they serve people who are in special needs. Next, there is a lot of different types of dogs to choose from when your getting a dog. then, dogs have cute puppies and sell them and get money. Last, dogs have intresting senses. If you are ever choosing a pet you should get a dog and now you know why.

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Provides a concluding statement or section

In this third grade sample, the student clearly states an opinion, while providing a well written introduction in the form of a paragraph. The writer provided copious text-based reasons to support their opinion which were created in a very well organized structure that listed their reasons in a logical manner. The student used a variety of linking words and phrases to connect their opinion with reasons. The writer provided a well written concluding paragraph reiterating their main reasons. The student does not demonstrate adequate command in conventions for spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.

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Max

1st → Do you think dogs are better or cats?
 I think dogs are better. I think dogs are better than cats because dogs help in a lot of ways. Dogs can give you company and dogs are brave. Let me tell you why I think dogs are better than cats.

2nd → First, dogs help in a lot of ways. From herding, I know dogs can help by herding animals. Also, dogs can help police. For example, dog saved my dog.

3rd → Next, dogs can give you company. The author says that they can play catch with you and you can take your dog on a walk. For instance, when I am allowed my dogs give me company.

4th → Last, dogs are brave. The article states that a dog has been in space. Also, they come to people in dangerous places. For example, my dog took risks.

5th → As you can see, dogs are good pets. First, dogs help in a lot of ways. Next, dogs can give you company. Last, dogs are brave. Next time you go to the library, check out a book about dogs.

States their opinion

Provide reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words and phrases

Provides a concluding statement or section

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In this third grade sample, the writer does not attend to the prompt prior to the concluding paragraph. The student states their opinion and provides various text-based reasons. The writer attempted to create an organizational structure to list their reasons, however, not all groupings are logical. The student provides a variety of linking words and phrases throughout the sample. The writer provides a concluding paragraph. The writer does not demonstrate an adequate command in conventions in punctuation, capitalization, or spelling.