Kindergarten: Opinion Writing
Prompt: Duck! Rabbit!

Revised & Edited: It is a rabbit because it is white, it likes carrots, and it likes to hide.

In this kindergarten sample, the student shows understanding of the sounds in words and the letters that represent those sounds with some confusion on the word “it”. The writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also provides three reasons why it is a rabbit (because it is white and it like keres and it like to hid) and uses end punctuation correctly.
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Revised & Edited: It is a rabbit because it has ears. I know it is a rabbit. It is white. It has a mouth and ducks have beaks.

In this kindergarten sample, the writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also provides three reasons why it is a rabbit (because it has ears. It is white. It has a mouth and ducks have beaks.), and uses end punctuation correctly.
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Revised and Edited: I think it is a rabbit because it has long ears and it is white.

In this kindergarten sample, the student shows an understanding of the sounds in words and the letters that represent those sounds. The writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also gives reasons for their opinion (because it has long ears and it is white) and uses end punctuation correctly.
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Revised and Edited:

I think it is a duck because if it was a rabbit its’ ears would be sticking up.

In this kindergarten sample, the student shows advanced understanding of the sounds in words and the letters that represent those sounds. The writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also gives reason why it is not a rabbit (because if it was a rabbit it’s ears wod be stiking up) and uses end punctuation correctly.
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I think it’s a rabbit because it has big ears. Ducks do not have big ears. It’s a rabbit.

Revised & Edited: I think it’s a rabbit because it has big ears. Ducks do not have big ears. It’s a rabbit.

In this kindergarten sample, the student shows advanced understanding of sounds and the use of contractions. The writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not state the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also provides a reason why it is a rabbit, why it is not a duck, a closing statement (because it has big ear’s. Duck’s do not have big ears. It’s a rabbit), and uses punctuation correctly.
Revised & Edited: *It is a rabbit because it is white. It is a rabbit because it has ears. It is a rabbit because it hides in the grass.*

In this kindergarten sample, the writer clearly expresses an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student goes beyond what is required by the core standards, as the writer also provides three reasons why it is a rabbit (*because it is white. It is a rabbit because it has ears. It is a rabbit because it hid in the grass*), and used end punctuation correctly.
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Revised & Edited: *I see a rabbit.*

In this kindergarten piece, the writer states their opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student capitalizes the pronoun *I* and accurately spells high frequency words.
Revised & Edited: *I think it is a rabbit.*

In this kindergarten piece, the writer states their opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student shows their ability to use match phonemes to letters in most cases and capitalizes the pronoun *I.*
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Revised & Edited: A rabbit because I have a rabbit.

In this kindergarten piece, the student identifies the rabbit as their choice for their opinion and attempts to support their unclear opinion with personal experience of having their own rabbit (Rabbit because my rabbit.).
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Revised & Edited: *I see it is a duck.*

In this kindergarten piece, the writer states an opinion, but does not tell the reader the topic or name of the book. The student did not capitalize the pronoun *I*, but is successful in matching phonemes to letters.
Revised: I know that I rabbit one my rabbit a mom rabbit has I has rabbit mom?

In this kindergarten piece, the writer’s response is related to the topic, but provides little focus and is off topic. The student does demonstrate an ability to spell simple words phonetically and capitalizes the pronoun I.
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In this kindergarten piece, the writer’s response is related to the topic, but does not address the prompt nor provide their opinion. The student is able to produce most letters for the sounds heard, capitalizes the first word in sentences, but not the pronoun I.
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Revised & Edited: I am a rabbit. I can hop very high. I am a good listener, when I am in danger. I hide in my hole and if I am in the snow, I camouflage in it so bears don’t eat me. If bears eat me, blood would come out of me and it would be sad for me. But, I am not eaten so I am happy and I have three babies. I am happy with them and I eat bugs sometimes.

In this kindergarten piece, the writer creates a lengthy written response. Although the response is related to rabbits, it does not attend to the topic of the prompt, nor provides an opinion. The student is skilled at connecting sounds to letters and capitalizing the pronoun I.