

Opinion Word Builder

Teacher-led practice with the parts of a simple opinion piece.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.1.1 "Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FIND THE PARTS

a	apples	crunchy	because
b	apples	like	crunchy
c	because	apples	crunchy

2 MAKE YOUR OPINION

I like	
because	
The end	

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the model sentence aloud and help students notice its topic, opinion, and reason. Then guide each child to say a complete opinion with a reason and a closing, while the child writes key words and traces a closing.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • FIND THE PARTS

SAY “I will read a writer's sentence. Listen for the topic, the opinion, and the reason, then circle the word that answers each question.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: “I like apples because they are crunchy.” Which word names what the writer likes?	apples
b	Listen again: “I like apples because they are crunchy.” Which word tells the writer's opinion?	like
c	Listen again: “I like apples because they are crunchy.” Which word gives a reason that the writer likes apples?	crunchy

PART 2 • MAKE YOUR OPINION

SAY “Choose something you like. Say, “I like [your topic] because [your reason]. That is my opinion.” Write one short topic word in the first box, write one short reason word in the second box, and trace the closing words in the last box.”

- Box 1 (beside I like): **a short word naming the student's chosen topic**
- Box 2 (beside because): **a short word giving the student's reason**
- Box 3: **The end**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle answers are apples, like, crunchy. Accept a topic word and a reason word that match the student's spoken opinion, and listen for the student to state an opinion, a reason, and a closing.