

A Better Water Stop

Identify an opinion and the reasons that support it.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1 "Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the two sentences that state the writer's opinion. Underline the three sentences that begin with First, Second, or Third because each one gives a reason.

A Filling Station for School

- ① I think our school should add a water bottle filling station near the gym. Many students bring reusable bottles to school. At lunchtime, the drinking fountains can have a long line. A filling station would give students another place to get water. This change could help students get water after running, playing, or practicing sports.
- ② First, a filling station can fill a bottle faster than a regular fountain. Students would spend less time waiting during busy lunch periods. Second, it could help cut down on single-use plastic bottles. When students refill the bottles they already own, fewer empty bottles may end up in trash cans. Third, a station near the gym would be handy after sports practice.
- ③ Some people may say that the school already has drinking fountains. Those fountains are helpful, but a filling station would serve students with bottles more easily. It would also be useful during busy times near the gym. For these reasons, I believe our school should install a water bottle filling station. It would be a practical way to help students and reduce waste.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does the writer think the school should do?

2 What is the writer's first reason for adding a filling station?

3 How does the writer explain that a filling station could reduce plastic bottle waste?

4 Which reason is connected to the gym?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one change you think your school should make. Write five sentences: an opening opinion, three reasons that begin with First, Second, and Third, and a closing sentence that repeats your opinion.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the two sentences that state the writer's opinion. Underline the three sentences that begin with First, Second, or Third because each one gives a reason. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer think the school should do?	The school should install a water bottle filling station near the gym.
2	What is the writer's first reason for adding a filling station?	A filling station can fill a bottle faster than a regular fountain.
3	How does the writer explain that a filling station could reduce plastic bottle waste?	Students could refill bottles they already own, so fewer empty bottles may go into trash cans.
4	Which reason is connected to the gym?	A filling station near the gym would be handy after sports practice.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our school should add a quiet reading corner to the library. First, it would give students a calm place to read. Second, soft seats would make reading comfortable. Third, the corner could help students focus on their books. For these reasons, I believe the library should have a quiet reading corner.

Accept the two opinion sentences in the passage and the three labeled reason sentences for the marking job. For the writing task, accept a clear school-change opinion supported by three relevant reasons and a closing statement that repeats the opinion.