

What Authors Think

Students listen for words that show an author's opinion.

ELA.1.R.2.4 "Identify an author's opinion(s) about the topic."

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 HEAR OPINIONS

a	best	kites	fly
b	rainy	gloomy	clouds
c	seeds	plants	love

2 FIND THE THOUGHT

a	soup	tastes	wonderful
b	buses	noisy	ride
c	silly	book	laugh

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short message and its choices aloud, then give students time to circle one word. Students show this skill by finding the word that tells what the author thinks or feels about a topic, such as when an author calls a puzzle tricky.

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

PART 1 • HEAR OPINIONS

SAY “I will read a message from an author and then read the three words in the row. Listen for the word that tells what the author thinks or feels. Which word should you circle?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The author writes, “Kites are the best things to fly.” The words are best, kites, fly. Which word tells the author's opinion about kites?	best
b	The author writes, “Rainy days are gloomy.” The words are rainy, gloomy, clouds. Which word tells the author's opinion about rainy days?	gloomy
c	The author writes, “I love tiny seeds because they grow into plants.” The words are seeds, plants, love. Which word tells how the author feels about seeds?	love

PART 2 • FIND THE THOUGHT

SAY “Listen to each author message and the words in its row. Find the word that shows what the author thinks or feels. Which word should you circle?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The author writes, “Soup tastes wonderful on a cold day.” The words are soup, tastes, wonderful. Which word tells the author's opinion about soup?	wonderful
b	The author writes, “I think buses are noisy.” The words are buses, noisy, ride. Which word tells the author's opinion about buses?	noisy
c	The author writes, “This book is silly and makes me laugh.” The words are silly, book, laugh. Which word tells the author's opinion about the book?	silly

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept circles around best, gloomy, love, wonderful, noisy, and silly, in order. A student may point to the correct word instead of circling if needed.