

Think and Tell

Listen for an author's opinion, reasons, and facts.

1.T.T.3.a "Identify techniques used to craft opinion texts, including the author's opinion and supporting reasons. (I)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	Opinion	Reason	Fact
b	Fact	Opinion	Reason
c	Reason	Fact	Opinion

2 MATCH REASONS _____

A	•	•	3
B	•	•	1
C	•	•	2

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to mark their answers. Students identify when an author shares what they think, gives a reason why, or tells a fact, then connect each opinion to a supporting reason.

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

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “I will read each sentence and the three words in its row. Listen for whether the author is sharing an opinion, giving a reason, or telling a fact. Which word names the job of the sentence? Circle it.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The author says, “I think rainy days are cozy.” Is this an opinion, a reason, or a fact? Circle the word that names its job.	Opinion
b	The author says, “because rain helps flowers grow.” Which job does this part do in an opinion text: fact, opinion, or reason? Circle the word that names its job.	Reason
c	The author says, “Rain falls from clouds.” Is the author giving a reason, telling a fact, or sharing an opinion? Circle the word that names its job.	Fact

PART 2 • MATCH REASONS

SAY “A reason tells why an author thinks something. Listen to the opinions: A, “I think school gardens are helpful.” B, “I think quiet reading time is important.” C, “I think a longer recess is a good idea.” Listen to the reasons: 1, “Plants can give us food.” 2, “Books help us learn new things.” 3, “Moving outside helps our bodies.” Which reason supports A? Draw a line from A to its number, then match B and C.”

- **A** matches **1**
- **B** matches **2**
- **C** matches **3**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle Opinion in row 1, Reason in row 2, and Fact in row 3. Match A to 1, B to 2, and C to 3.