



Grade 1 Writing Unit 3: Writing Reviews

In this unit, your child will write reviews about anything and everything! The unit begins with a review of student collections which asks writers to take a stand on which piece of the collection is best. Students will learn to strengthen opinions by working with partners to provide evidence.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Stating an opinion and giving reasons why
- Writing introductions to hook the reader
- Writing conclusions that wrap-up the author's opinion
- Elaborating on opinions by using many reasons and strong words
- Applying taught spelling patterns and mechanics to writing when drafting and editing

Questions and comments to ask your child about his or her writing:

- What is your opinion and why?
- What are you doing to convince your reader?
- How did you get the reader's attention?
- How did you wrap up your piece?
- What is your writing goal?

Encourage your child to talk about the good he or she notices in the world and to add evidence to support why more people should discover and enjoy these good things. Talk about who your child would like to convince to discover this good and the reasons that will best convince the audience. As your child develops opinions and identifies things he or she would like, encourage letter writing at home.