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Worksheet One

This worksheet accompanies slide 5 of *Writing Opinions 2.ppt*

State your opinion

Write an opinion statement for each topic. Make up your own topic for Topic 4.

Topic 1: Class pet

Opinion statement:

Topic 2: Video games

Opinion statement:

Topic 3: School uniforms

Opinion statement:

Topic 4: _____

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Worksheet Two

This worksheet accompanies slide 6 of *Writing Opinions 2.ppt*

Reasons and details

Use this mind map to come up with three reasons to support your opinion. Then come up with three details to support each reason.

Opinion:		
Reason 1:	Reason 2:	Reason 3:
Detail:	Detail:	Detail:
Detail:	Detail:	Detail:
Detail:	Detail:	Detail:

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Worksheet Three

This worksheet accompanies slide 7 of *Writing Opinions 2.ppt*

Organize your ideas

Use this outline to organize your ideas. In the spaces provided, write down notes, ideas or topic sentences to help you plan your essay.

Introduction – State your opinion

Reason 1

Details for reason 1

Reason 2

Details for reason 2

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Reason 3

Details for reason 3

Conclusion - summarize and restate

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Worksheet Four

This worksheet accompanies slide 8 of *Writing Opinions 2.ppt*

Transition phrases

Decide whether the underlined phrase in each excerpt is starting a new idea, introducing examples, contrasting ideas or explaining cause and effect. Circle the answer of your choice.

1. The science museum is a great place for a field trip, but I think we should go to the zoo.

Contrast Examples New idea Cause and effect

2. Students learn many skills by having a class pet, specifically responsibility, compromise and teamwork.

Contrast Examples New idea Cause and effect

3. The Internet lets people get information from all over the world. In addition, it allows people to keep in touch with friends that live far away.

Contrast Examples New idea Cause and effect

4. School uniforms can make students feel more united. On the other hand, they keep people from expressing themselves.

Contrast Examples New idea Cause and effect

5. Video games can be addictive. Consequently, gamers spend more and more time plugged in instead of playing outside or spending time with friends.

Contrast Examples New idea Cause and effect

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Worksheet Five

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Revising

Read this opinion essay about the Internet. Can you improve it by adding transition phrases and stronger word choices? Make any changes you like to improve the style and structure of the essay. When you are finished, add a conclusion paragraph.

The Internet is the most useful invention of the past 50 years. Think about it: can you imagine life without the Internet? There are many reasons why I believe the Internet is so important.

With the popularity of smart phones, people can get online almost anywhere. Whether you are at school, at home or on the go, you can access any information almost instantly. If you are waiting for your parents or friends, you might go online to play a game, check sports scores or watch a video. When traveling, the Internet can be a great source of entertainment. The Internet is everywhere!

Like an encyclopedia, the Internet is a resource. Unlike an encyclopedia, the Internet weighs nothing and can travel with you anywhere you go! You can use the Internet to find facts, news articles, directions, maps, or items that you want to purchase. New content is always being added to the Internet, so it is more up-to-date than any other resource in the world.

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The Internet is a way for people to communicate with others around the world. Families and friends can keep in touch using email or online video chat. New ideas and information can spread around the globe at the click of a button. This instant communication has made our world smaller, and allowed us to learn more about different cultures and people.