

The <u>Cowboy came home to his ranch</u>. He tied his <u>to the fence post</u>.



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Lunch time

Number the sentences below to put them in order and form a story.



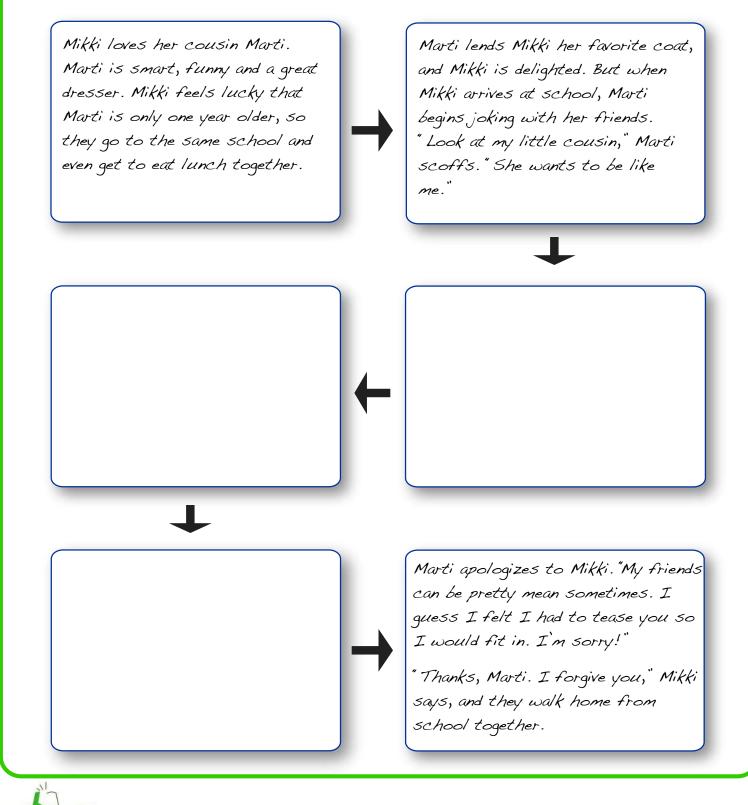
- Jimmy feels embarrassed and angry that he got in trouble.
 Jimmy and Sean sit together at lunch, talking about their favorite basketball team.
- ____ In the lunch line, Sean accidentally cuts in front of Jimmy, and Jimmy pushes him.
- Before lunch, Jimmy is scolded for leaving his seat before the bell rings to end class.
- Sean feels better and asks Jimmy if he saw the basketball game on television last night.
- ____ Sean looks hurt and surprised.
- Jimmy feels badly for hurting his classmate, and he apologizes.
- After lunch, the boys go out to the basketball court to play a game of one-on-one.





Mikki and the Jacket

Complete the story by writing in the empty boxes below.



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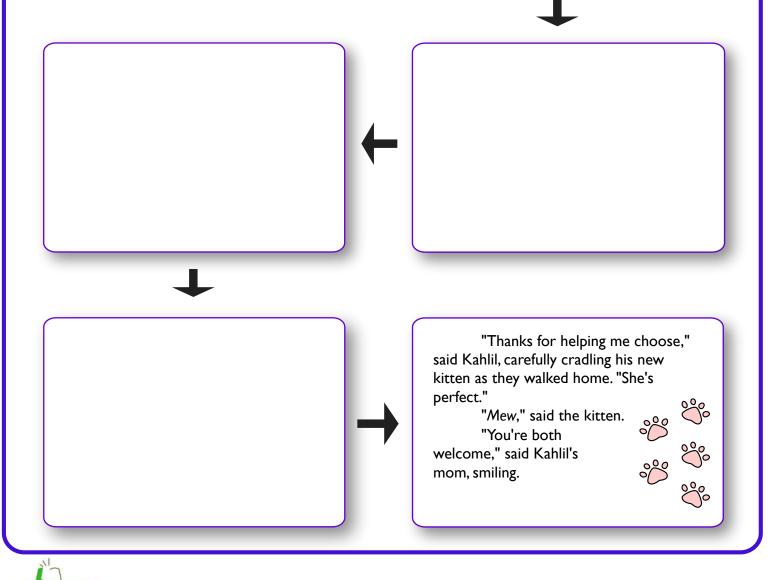
Kahlil Gets a Kitten

Complete the story by writing in the empty boxes below.



Kahlil and his mom were walking home from the park when they spotted a sign on their next door neighbor's door. FREE KITTENS, said the sign in big, bold letters. "Oh, mom, can we take a look?" Kahlil begged, pointing to the sign. "Sure, why not?" Kahlil's mom replied. Just that morning, after months of discussion, she had finally agreed to let Kahlil adopt a kitten. They knocked on the door and their neighbor, Mrs. Kim, greeted them with a smile.

"Hello, Kahlil!" she said. "I bet you're here for the kittens. Come on in." Inside, eight tiny kittens lay sleeping in a basket. "How can I possibly choose? Kahlil asked his mom. "I like them all." "Don't worry," she replied. "I have an idea."



Arlen Tells the Truth



Read the paragraph about Arlen, then decide what he is likely to do in each of the situations below. Write your answers on the lines provided.

> Arlen always tells the truth. He believes that honesty is more important than almost anything else. Some kids call Arlen a tattler because they know they can't get away with doing bad things when Arlen is around. Arlen feels that

telling the truth is more important than the friendship of kids who do bad things. Still, sometimes he wishes he didn't feel so strongly about honesty, because life on the playground might be easier.

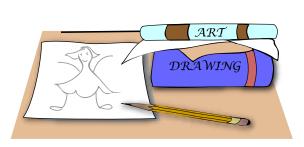
A. A boy takes Arlen's lunch money, then threatens to hurt Arlen if he tells anyone what happened.

B. Arlen's best friend, Aaron, steals a book from the school library, but regrets what he's done and returns the book. He asks Arlen not to tell the librarian what he's done.

C. Arlen is embarrassed that his parents won't allow him to see the new movie everyone is talking about, so he claims to have seen it too. Arlen's friend Andy asks what Arlen thought about the movie's ending.

What would Annie do?

Read the paragraph about Annie, then decide what she is likely to do in each of the situations below. Write your answers on the lines provided.



Annie loves art. She likes to draw more than anything in the world. She loves to read books about her favorite artists and knows all about their lives and works, even the ones who lived a long time ago, like the artist and inventor

Leonardo DaVinci. Annie would like to be an illustrator when she grows up. She works hard in school and wants to do well, but she sometimes can't resist drawing when she's supposed to be concentrating on her homework. Annie's grades have begun to suffer because she finds it hard to focus.

A. Annie's teacher announces a schoolwide drawing contest, but it is only open to students with grades better than Annie's.

B. Annie's parents tell her that they are concerned about her difficulty concentrating and ask if she can think of some ways to get her homework done on time while still having time to do her drawing.

C. Annie's teacher assigns a report on a favorite historical figure. Along with the written report, the students can choose to do a creative activity.

What would Angelique do?

Read the paragraph about Angelique, then decide what she is likely to do in each of the situations below. Write your answers on the lines provided.



Angelique is a very shy girl. Although she is kind and thoughtful, many people don't know these things about her because she is so quiet. Angelique loves hanging out with her good friends, but she has trouble getting to know new kids, because she doesn't know what to say

to them. She loves to read and write, and though she is afraid to read aloud, she is an excellent writer.

A. A classmate Angelique doesn't know very well sits down beside her at lunch and introduces herself.

B. The teacher asks Angelique to deliver an oral book report in front of the class.

C. Angelique's sister receives an invitation to a party and asks Angelique to come along.



Adding Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns and pronouns. Adjectives set a mood and add interest to your writing. Below is a paragraph that needs your help. Write an adjective from the list into each blank. Pick adjectives that make sense and make the paragraph more interesting. Use each adjective only once in the paragraph.

The sheriff walked into the stable. He put the saddle on the horse. He would ride to the ranch in the rain to see the lady. She might know where the cowboy had gone.

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Jenny thought there was a box of books in the attic. As she climbed the stairs, she saw a light. Suddenly, there was a ghost looking at her. Jenny knew it was the ghost of the legend.

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attic. As she climbed the ______ stairs, she saw a _____ light.

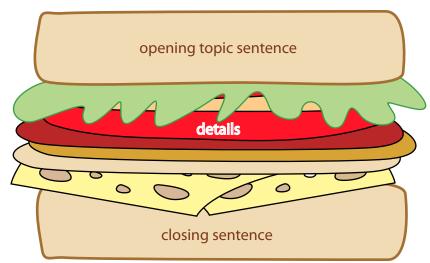
Suddenly, there was a ______ ghost looking at her. Jenny knew it was the

_____ ghost of the ______ legend



PARAGRAPH SANDWICH

Writing a paragraph is a lot like making a sandwich.



Write a paragraph about your birthday party last year. Make sure to use all the pieces of a "paragraph sandwich": opening topic sentence, details, and a closing sentence. If you need more space to write in, use the other side of this page or an additional piece of paper



How to Outline an Essay

An essay is a short composition that presents your view on a particular topic or subject. It contains three parts: an *introduction*, a *body*, and a *conclusion*.

Introduction. This is the first paragraph. It begins with a *topic sentence*, which introduces your topic in an interesting way. You can even use a question or an exclamation as a topic sentence! Next, write the three points you'll use to support your topic sentence.

Body. At least three paragraphs, each beginning with one of your supporting points. These support the idea you laid out in your topic sentence. Use specific examples or facts to support your ideas.

Conclusion. Rewrite your topic sentence in a new and interesting way. Then, summarize your thoughts in a *closing statement*.

Directions: Use the spaces below to outline your essay. Optional: Make further notes or write a rough draft of your essay on the back of this sheet.

1._____ 2. _____

3._____

INTRODUCTION.

Topic Sentence:

Supporting points:

BODY.

Paragraph: Supporting point #1 _____ Paragraph: Supporting point #2 Paragraph: Supporting point #3

CONCLUSION.

Restate topic sentence:

Closing statement:

How to Outline a short story

Turn your short story idea into a real work of fiction! Follow the guide below to plan your short story.

- **Step 1.** Decide on a *protagonist*. The protagonist is your main character, and the person all the interesting stuff happens to.
- *Step 2.* Decide on a *setting*. The setting is the place where your story happens.
- **Step 3.** Decide on a *goal or problem*. This is what motivates your protagonist and creates the conflict that makes your story interesting.

You can think of a plot as an upside-down checkmark:

Climax. The protagonist either succeeds or fails to reach the goal. *Rising action.* Challenges the protagonist experiences in trying to get what he or she wants. **Problem or goal.** What your Ending. All of the different parts of the protagonist wishes to achieve plot are resolved, and the protagonist or avoid. makes peace with the outcome, whether it's positive or negative. Your protagonist's name and description: What he or she wants to achieve/avoid: What happens at the climax (the most interesting part of the story): What happens at the end: _____

Create a Character Outline

Outlining is a way of organizing writing. It groups major ideas together, then places less important ideas below the major ideas.

Let's make a character outline based on the following story:

The club had four members. They were Julie, Chris, Lee and Casey. Julie liked to swim, while Chris liked baseball. Lee preferred basketball and Casey played soccer. They all had favorite foods. Chris and Casey liked chicken, while Julie liked spaghetti and Lee liked shrimp. Julie had one brother, Lee had two sisters, and Chris has one sister. Casey had no brothers or sisters.

The characters of the story are the major ideas of the paragraph. Write the four characters of the story in the blank provided.

| II |
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| III |
| IV |

You have now started your outline. Next, write three things about each character under their name. When you have completed this, you will have an outline of the characters of the story.

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| | B | _ C |
| II | | |
| A | B | _ C |
| III | | |
| A | B | _ C |
| IV | | |
| | B | _ C |
| | | |

How to Write a Research Paper

Pretend you are a reporter working on a story. If you were reading a news article, what would you want to know about the subject? What facts would you most want to learn? With a little imagination, you might find that you can make research fun.

- **Step 1.** Decide on your topic. What do you want to teach your readers? If you're writing a paper for school, what are your teacher's requirements?
- **Step 2.** Create a schedule. How long will it take you to find your sources? How long will it take you to write your first draft? Marking these days on a calendar can help you stay on schedule and complete your assignment on time.
- **Step 3.** Select your sources. You'll want to use a variety of reliable sources. Aim for at least three of these:

Non-fiction books. You can find these at your local library. Periodicals. These are publications like news magazines and journals. Reference sources. Books like encyclopedias, dicitonaries and almanacs. Online sources. Internet encyclopedias, dictionaries, or other websites. Interviews. Questions you ask of experts on the subject.

- **Step 4.** Write a rough draft. To make it easier, you might want to create an outline first. Write your topic at the top of the page, then list the points you will cover. Under each heading, write a few notes about your ideas and sources.
- **Step 5.** Editing. Make sure your writing is clear, your grammar and punctuation are correct, and you've covered all the facts. Have a friend or parent proofread your paper and offer suggestions.

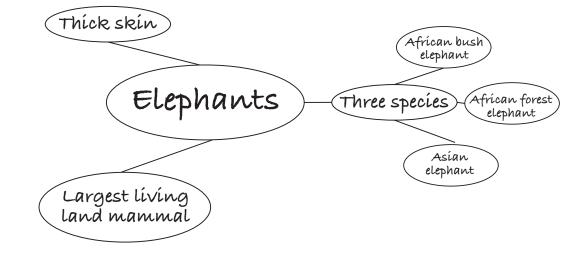
You can keep track of your sources here:

| Source #1: |
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| Source #2: |
| Source #3: |
| Source #4: |
| Source #5: |
| Start brainstorming topics and sources on the back of this worksheet. |
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7. Make a "mind map"

Begin with a large sphere at the center of your paper. Draw a new sphere for each thought you have, and connect it back to your topic with a line. Then add new thoughts about each sub-topic and connect them back to their sub-topic, as with the three species of elephants in the example below.



2. Make a chart

If you have multiple topics or want to compare and contrast several subjects, you may want to create a chart. List each topic at the top of the page, then write your facts below each heading, as in the example below.

Similarities and differences between whales, dolphins, and porpoises

| whales | Dolphins | Porpoíses |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Largest of the three No teeth or cone-shaped teeth | Next largest Cone-shaped teeth | Smallest Spade-shaped teeth |
| Large dorsal fin | Small curved dorsal fin | Small straight dorsal fin |

Experiment with these techniques to see which works best for you. Flip your paper over and try them out!





Where does my clothing come from?

Most people buy their clothing from a store. But where is the clothing made before it gets to the store? Is it made in the United States, Mexico, China, or other countries?











$\mathbb Q$ The Investigation:

In your house, find the following items. If you don't have some of them, ask a sibling, parent or guardian if they do.

| T-Shirt | Shoes | |
|---------|------------|--|
| Shorts | Long Pants | |
| Jeans | Sweatshirt | |
| Cap | Dress | |
| Sandals | Jacket | |

In the space provided in the table, write down the country that each item was made in. This information should be listed on a tag or label inside the item. If you can't find it, ask your parent or guardian for help.

The Conclusion:

What do you think the information you gathered means? Did a lot of the items in your table come from the United States, or from other countries?

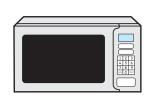
Do you think any of the items made in other countries could also be made in your country? What would be the advantages of having clothing made in your country? Would there be any disadvantages?

Where do household electronics come from?

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Most people buy electronic items at stores or online retailers. But do you know where all these items are made?







$\mathbb Q$ The Investigation:

In your house, find the following items. If you can't find one of the items, ask a parent or guardian. If you don't have one of these items, you can skip it.

| House Phone | Alarm Clock | |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Cell Phone | Radio | |
| Computer | Printer | |
| Toaster | Hairdryer | |
| Microwave | Lamp | |

In the space provided in the table, write down the country that each item was made in. This information should be listed on a sticker or label on the item, usually on the back or underside. If you can't find it, ask your parent or guardian for help.

The Conclusion:

What do you think the information you gathered means? Did a lot of the items in your table come from the United States, or from other countries?

Which items made in other countries do you think could also be made in your country? What would be the advantages of having electronic items made in your country? Would there be any disadvantages?



Investigate!

The Investigation:

Go with your parents or a guardian to your favorite grocery store, head to the produce department, and search for the following items:

| RED APPLE | POTATO | |
|--------------------|----------|--|
| ORANGE | BROCCOLI | |
| BANANA | TOMATO | |
| CARROT | MUSHROOM | |
| ROMAINE LETTUCE | ONION | |
| SPINACH | GARLIC | |

In the space provided in the table, write down the country that each item came from. This information should be listed on a sticker or label. If you can't find it, ask your parent or guardian for help.

The Conclusion:

What do you think the information you gathered means? Did a lot of the items in your table come from the United States, or from other countries?

Which items that are from other countries could be grown in your area? What would be the advantages of having food grown closer to the grocery store? Would there be any disadvantages?



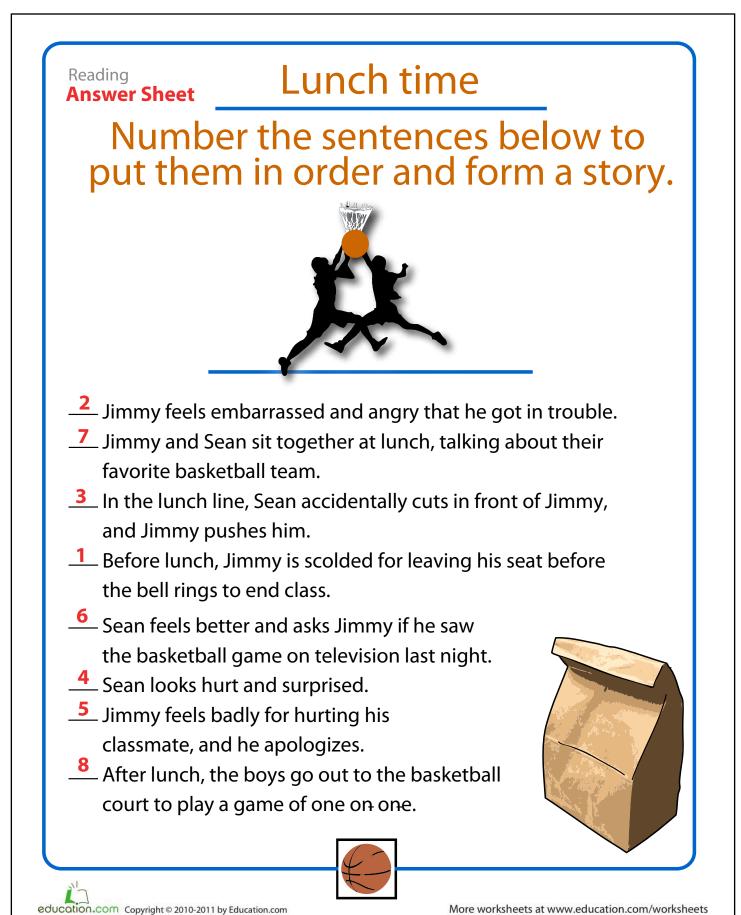
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Answer Sheet



Answer sheet

There are many combinations that are correct. Below are two examples of correct responses:

The young sheriff walked into the <u>clean</u> stable. He put the <u>brown</u> saddle on the <u>best</u> horse. He would ride to the <u>small</u> ranch in the <u>light</u> rain to see the <u>pretty</u> lady. She might know where the <u>evil</u> cowboy had gone. The <u>tired</u> sheriff walked into the <u>dirty</u> stable. He put the <u>worn</u> saddle on the <u>old</u> horse. He would ride to the <u>distant</u> ranch in the <u>cold</u> rain to see the <u>rich</u> lady. She might know where the <u>big</u> cowboy had gone.

Appropriate adjectives for each blank:

| The | | sheriff | | He wo | uld ride to | the | ranch |
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Answer sheet:

There are many combinations that are correct. Below are two examples of correct responses:

Jenny thought there was a <u>small</u> box of <u>dusty</u> books in the <u>dark</u> attic. As she climbed the <u>broken</u> stairs, she saw a <u>gold</u> light. Suddenly, there was a <u>scary</u> ghost looking at her. Jenny knew it was the <u>spooky</u> ghost of the <u>famous</u> legend. Jenny thought there was a <u>blue</u> box of <u>magical</u> books in the <u>large</u> attic. As she climbed the <u>tall</u> stairs, she saw a <u>pretty</u> light. Suddenly, there was a <u>small</u> ghost looking at her. Jenny knew it was the <u>silly</u> ghost of the <u>funny</u> legend.

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The characters of the story are the major ideas of the paragraph. Write the four characters of the story in the blank provided.

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| II | Chris | | |
| III | Lee | | |
| IV | Casey | | |
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| nam | e. When you have completed th | | e things about each character under their an outline of the characters of the story. |
| I | Julie | | |
| A | swimming B. | spaghetti | C one brother |
| II | Chris | | |
| A | baseball B. | chicken | C. one sister |
| III | Lee | | |
| A | basketball B. | shrimp | CC |
| IV | Casey | | |
| A | soccer B. | chicken | C. no brothers or sisters |
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