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LESSON 5

Understanding the Traits

Ideas, Organization

and Voice



Lead-in

What are the traits of good writing?



Organization



Voice



Word Choice



Sentence Fluency



Conventions



Today we'll learn...

Traits of Good Writing



Ideas



Organization



Voice





Start with good ideas.

Owen wants to write about something.

Can you tell what he is doing right now?

My pet --
Buddy

One
interesting
trip

My
friends

A letter



Let's Learn



Good ideas help us list and decide what to write about.

Which one did Owen choose as the topic?

My pet --
Buddy

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Let's Learn



Good ideas also help you gather interesting details about your topic.

What ideas did Owen get about his topic?

Topic: My Buddy

Details: Eat strange things

Spend time with me

Walk me to the bus

Wait for me

Sleep on my bed



Let's Do

Write down ideas of what you want to write about.



Gather details of what you know about it.

A notepad with a blue cover and a white page. The page has a fold at the top left and is divided into two sections: 'Topic:' and 'Details:'. The 'Topic:' section has one line, and the 'Details:' section has seven lines.

Based on his details, Owen writes about his Buddy in three parts.

Can you find the three parts? What does each part talk about?

Beginning

I'm Owen, and my dog is my best buddy. Can you guess what his name is? That's right! It's Buddy.

Middle

Buddy eats strange things. He chews on rugs and bones. He likes liver. Once he even ate a raw fish. He smelled awful after that. Buddy always spends time with me. Every morning, he walks me to the school bus. He's always waiting at the bus stop when I get home. At night, my best buddy sleeps on my bed.

Ending

It's great fun to be with my best buddy. We love each other!

Let's Learn

Organization

Organization means making your writing clear and easy to follow.

Writing in three parts can help you.

Beginning

It talks about your topic of the writing.

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Middle

It adds more details about your topics.

Ending

It shares your feelings.



Sound you are really interested in your topic.

Compare these sentences, which ones do you think show Owen's interest in talking about his buddy?

My Buddy

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My dog is my friend.

He ate a raw fish.

He's waiting for me at the bus stop.

He sleeps on my bed.

Let's Learn



Voice means to write like you're really interested in the topic.

It makes your readers feel like you're talking in front of them.

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The trick is you just need to **imagine** you're talking to a good friend!





Can you mark out the three parts?

Add a sentence in the blank to show your interest in the topic.

Our Sailing Adventure

Last summer, I had an adventure with my grandma. We went to the harbor in Baltimore to sail on a tall ship.

First, we pulled on ropes to help put up the sails. Then we sailed out to sea. Soon we couldn't even see land. Squawking seagulls flew around us. When the crew first fired a cannon, the noise, and smoke scared me.

Grandma and I had a great time. I can't wait for our next adventure.

Traits of Good Writing

Ideas



Start with great ideas.

Organization

Beginning

Middle

Ending

Make sure your writing has three parts.

Voice



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