

# Opinion Gathering

TP: Opinion writers gather ideas by rereading previous lists and considering possible opinions.

list

• getting Hoss

• Scott

Max and Luc

opinion I think...

- Everyone should own a pet at some point.
- Dogs are better than cats.

- People should get married
- Firefighters are important.

- Boys should do chores.  
Kids <sup>more</sup> raise boys are easier than raising girls.
- Girls are hard to raise.

TP: Opinion writers gather ideas by thinking about what they wish they could change in their daily life.

- messy house / MAID
- parking - permits  
<sup>busy</sup>  
evenings
- want 2<sup>nd</sup> story garage

HOME

- 4 (10 hour) days / 3
- staff meetings better, meaningful

cafe lunches

SCHOOL

- traffic / stagger

- no more 3-day tourneys
  - can't grocery shop / nails / clean

CAR

VOLLEYBALL GYM

I think school lunches  
should taste better!

1.

2.

3.

mani/pedi @ gym

\* Spending all day, literally, at a **gym** watching my boys play & practice can be fun. The only things that make me crazy is that I lose a "weekend day" - I usually go to store, garden, sleep, do laundry & maybe get my nails done. That is a luxury I need. So, I really wish there could be a little "salon" connected to the gym. Sure, I could leave & go somewhere close but then my boys are alone and

that could potentially mean trouble. A mini salon could help all the moms AND dads to feel like they had a little treat for him/herself. If I could open one, I would. BUT, I don't know how. Someone MUST do this to bring a little "me time" back to a busy, working mom or dad's life.

TP: Op. writers can gather ideas by considering their "favorites" and "least favorites".



- dogs + boss  
Tilly
- Scott/Max/Luc
- groceries delivered



- Dr. Geithman  
good principals
- people noticing  
good work
- energy givers

spelling

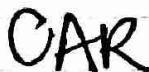


- boring  
staff  
meetings

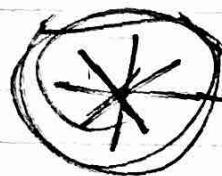
- being on  
1,000,000 committees



- seat coolers
- traffic



TP: Opinion writers revise by including a vignette.



This one time I went to Kohls and wanted to buy my ~~stuff~~ boys clothes. I asked the lady, "Where are the boy clothes?" She said, "Way in the back. Behind those racks of girls clothes." So I started walking to the back. I walked past rack 1, rack 2, rack 3, rack 15 and I finally found BOYS CLOTHES

TP Opinion writers draft by stretching each section down separate pages.

Another reason boys are easier to raise than girls is because they have fewer clothes. Girls have skirts, shorts, tights, socks, shoes, shirts, skorts, headbands and socks. Boys have shorts, pants, shirts and jackets. That's it. So, boys are easier to raise than girls.

TP Op. writers pick a seed by making sure they have lots of reasons. - . |

Dogs are the best

- because
1. they are cute
  2. they are fun
  3. they are nice

TO: Opinion

School should have more recess time

because

1. kids need playtime
2. fresh air is good
3. we can socialize

TP: Opinion writers practice writing opinions by writing what they think about a topic.

I think ...

recess

- \* I think we should have longer recess time.
- \* I think we should have more playground equipment.
- \* I think <sup>recess</sup> is important.
- \* I think recess

School

I think school should  
be closed on Friday.

because

1. we need more time  
with our families at home

Cafeteria

I think

because

TP: Open writers gather ideas by thinking about what they wish they could change in their daily lives.

### car

- traffic / work week

### house

- parking
- chores / boys

### School

- staff meetings about nothing
- longer school day

### vb gym

- personal grocery shoppers
- nail salon