

**Argument/Opinion**

**Grade 2**

Dogs rule

**Introduces the topic**

What pet is best for you cat or dog? I like dogs because they exercise a lot. Also they play fetch with you. They are fun to play with. Thats why I

**States an opinion**

**Provides a concluding statement**

like dogs best.

**Supplies reasons that support the opinion**

**Uses linking words to connect opinion and reason**

*As kids learn to write, many times they will make errors because they are learning new words, phrases and writing skills.*

*Encourage and praise their creativity and exploration.*

*Spelling problems including typos are in yellow*

*Missing or incorrect apostrophes are in blue*

*Punctuation problems, including missing punctuation marks, are green.*

This second-grade opinion piece introduces the topic with a question (“*What pet is best for you - cat or dog?*”) and states an opinion (“*I like dogs*”). Linking words (“*because*”, “*Also*”) connect the opinion with several reasons. A concluding statement restates the main idea of the piece (“*That’s why I like dogs best*”).

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