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Main idea:

Concluding sentence:
Materials You Will Need:

- Pencils
- Extra paper or a notebook/journal. You may put everything into one notebook if you like.
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons for some of the activities

Directions & Tips

- There is a schedule for each day. You may complete the activities in any order.
- Read the directions carefully before completing each activity.
- Check off each of the activities when you finish them on the activity menu.
- Make sure an adult signs the activity menu before you bring it back to school.
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The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Once upon a time, in a beautiful village near lush rolling hills, there was a boy who watched over the village’s sheep. Being alone up in the hills was very boring. To liven up his day, the boy thought it would be fun to scare the villagers and scream, “Wolf, wolf!” The villagers grabbed whatever they could, and ran up the hill to scare off the wolf.

When they reached the top, they realized they had been tricked by the mischievous boy. He laughed and laughed until the villagers angrily walked back down the hill. Even the sheep were not amused. The boy continued to call wolf, and the villagers warned him that the next time they would no longer believe him. The boy shrugged off the warning and laid down for a nap.

One lazy afternoon, the boy heard a terrible sound. Before he could even prepare himself, a wolf appeared right before him, and was chasing all the village’s sheep! The boy screamed, “Wolf, wolf!”, but having lied so many times, the people of the village just ignored him. With no one to help him fend off the wolf, the sheep all ran away, and the boy was left crying on the hill.
“The Boy Who Cried Wolf” Story Map

After reading “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”, fill in the following setting, characters, and effect of the boy’s actions. Then determine the genre of the story.

Setting:

__________________________________________________________

Main characters:

__________________________________________________________

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The genre of this story is:

a) Comedy: This story has a cheerful ending or is meant to make the reader laugh.

b) Fable: This story teaches a lesson.

c) Quest: This story has a difficult journey towards a place or goal.
# Fact or Opinion?

1) Read each sentence.
2) Next, decide if each sentence is a **fact** or **opinion**.
3) If it is a fact, color it green. If it is an **opinion**, color it red.
4) When done, write a **fact** or **opinion** below.
5) Raise your hand for your teacher to check your worksheet.

## The Sign Says... Fact or Opinion?

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| Sentence 1: A dog is a pet. | ⭐ |
| Sentence 2: My teacher is the smartest. | ⭐ |
| Sentence 3: Popcorn is a child’s favorite snack. | ⭐ |
| Sentence 4: Winter is cold and snowy. | ⭐ |
| Sentence 5: Thanksgiving is a holiday. | ⭐ |
| Sentence 6: My dad is the fastest runner. | ⭐ |

**Write a fact or opinion below.**
CAPITALIZATION

The first word in a sentence is always capitalized.

For example: Grandma chops apples for a pie.

Find and circle the letters in the paragraph below that should be capitalized.

it was Saturday at grandma’s house. mary knew that it was the day to make a pie with grandma. she got up and dressed in a hurry so she could pick the best apples from the tree. she helped peel the apples while her grandma chopped and sliced the beautiful red apples. next, the dough was rolled and put into the pie plate. mary even got to stir the sugar and spices into the bowl. the house smelled wonderful as the pie cooked in the oven, and the pie tasted even better because they had made it together!

Write two sentences about this picture. Don’t forget the capitals!

1. __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
Pineapple Math

Add the numbers.

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\begin{array}{cccc}
25 & +43 \\
71 & +26 \\
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PETE'S PETS

Pete loves animals. He dreams of becoming a veterinarian when he grows up. But in the meantime, he has quite a few pets to take care of at home.

Pete's dog is named Shadow. He's a black poodle. Pete takes Shadow on walks up and down the block. Shadow likes when Pete rubs his belly.

Amy is the name of Pete's cat. She's shy but very loving. Amy spends a lot of the day napping on the window sill. Pete can always make her purr when he pets her back.

Pete also has 10 fish, 3 hamsters, and 2 lizards. He's hoping to own a parrot some day. Pete's really happy to have so many great pets!

What does Pete want to be when he grows up?
- A pet shop owner
- A fireman
- A veterinarian

Where does Pete's cat spend the day napping?
- On the window sill
- On the bed
- On the couch

What is the name of Pete's pet poodle?
- Amy
- Shadow
- Shaggy

How many lizards does Pete have?
- 10
- 3
- 2

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Fact vs. Opinion Sort

Read the sentences below. Then cut them out and glue them into fact and opinion groups.

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<td>Cats are the best.</td>
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Adding Punctuation

Determine whether the sentence is a statement or question. Write the proper punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.

1. What time does the pet store close _____
2. My favorite color is yellow _____
3. My house is built from bricks _____
4. How high can you jump _____
5. When is the best time to wake you up _____
6. How long does it take you to brush your teeth _____
7. School starts in September _____
8. I like to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches _____
9. I have to clean my room before going out to play _____

A period (.) comes at the end of a statement.

A question mark (?) comes at the end of a question.
Math Puzzle Boxes

Each puzzle contains the numbers 1-9. Each column and each row add up to the number given outside the boxes. Put the correct number in each box to complete the addition equations without repeating any numbers.
## Day 3

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![Illustration of a character on a scooter](image-url)
Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

SUMMER VACATION

The Bradley family packed up their car and drove to the mountains for a weekend camping trip. Jimmy couldn't wait to go fishing. His older sister Nicole loved to hike. Mom and Dad just wanted to relax.

When the family arrived, Jimmy and Nicole helped their parents set up the tents. Then Nicole took a walk down by the river. After dinner, the family roasted marshmallows and told ghost stories around the campfire. The sounds of crickets gently put everyone to sleep.

Early in the morning, Jimmy caught a big fish. Nicole and Dad rode their bikes, and Mom read a new book. It was hard to go home the next day. Everyone had so much fun, they agreed it was the best vacation ever!

1. Where did the Bradley family go on vacation?

2. What did Mom and Dad want to do on the trip?

3. Where did Nicole take a walk?

4. What did the family do around the campfire?

5. When did Jimmy catch a fish?
Chuck’s Vacation

Look at each drawing, and write a caption for each picture. Each caption should describe what you see in the drawing.

1. A boy standing in front of a house.
2. A boy driving a car.
3. A boy flying a plane.
4. A boy on a beach.
Chuck's Vacation

Look at each drawing, and write a caption for each picture. Each caption should describe what you see in the drawing.
Ice Cream Shop

Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

Do you want to go to the ice cream shop?

We can ride our bicycles.

What is your favorite flavor?

My favorite flavor is chocolate.

How many scoops do you want?

The ice cream is very tasty.
Coffee Shop Math

Look at the menu prices. Then answer the questions below.

Chocolate sundae 50¢  Hot chocolate 20¢  Carrot cake 15¢
Strawberry cake 30¢  Milkshake 25¢

1. Mary ordered __________ and __________. She gave you $1. How much change would you give her?

2. Nancy ordered __________. She gave you $1. How much change would you give her?

3. Toby ordered __________. He gave you $1.50. How much change would you give him?

4. Matt ordered __________. He gave you $2. How much change would you give him?
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Let’s study the earth by learning about the part of it that we are most familiar with: the soil. Soil is found on the upper-most layer of the earth’s crust.

**What is soil?**

Soil is a mixture of four main ingredients: weathered rock, organic matter, air, and water. The weathered rock can be in the form of sand, silt, clay, pebbles or larger rocks. Organic matter can be anything from old leaves, dead animals and plants, to microorganisms—tiny living things, like bacteria. The last two ingredients are air and water. Without air and water, the microorganisms found in soil cannot live, grow, or help dead matter to decay.

**Why is soil so important?**

Soil is important because it provides a place where organisms and bacteria can live. Plants rely on soil for nutrients, water and mineral salts. Plants in turn provide the oxygen we breathe, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the foundation and building materials we use to make our homes. We could not meet our basic needs without soil!

**Comprehension:** What is the main idea of these two passages?
Getting and processing natural resources can require a lot of energy. This can create pollution. Recycling existing goods into other materials can save energy and reduce waste.

There are many ways each of us can help. Buying less, reusing what we can, composting, and recycling are some ways to save natural resources. How can you help?

I can buy less________

I can use less________

I can save energy by________

I can compost________

I can recycle________

I can also________
Bicycle Ride

Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

is it sunny outside today

have you seen my new red bicycle

i would like to ride my bicycle

do you want to ride our bicycles together

we can ride around the park

i think it will be a lot of fun

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Tick - Tock!

Telling Time: Five Minute Intervals

Draw the hands on the clock to show the time.

Clocks:
- 7:35
- 10:40
- 3:15
- 8:25
- 6:50
- 12:10
- 2:55
- 9:30
- 4:15

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Main idea:

________________________________________

________________________________________

Concluding sentence:

________________________________________

________________________________________
In your opinion, should second graders get longer recesses? Give three reasons to support your answer, then write a concluding sentence.

My Opinion:

Reason #1:

Reason #2:

Reason #3:

Conclusion:

Sentence Starters
- Introducing
  - In my opinion...
  - My favorite...
  - The best...
  - I feel...
- Giving Reasons
  - For example...
  - Most importantly...
  - Another reason...
  - In particular...
- Concluding
  - Everyone should...
  - As you can see...
  - All in all...
  - Clearly...
Sentence Scramble

First, unscramble the words to write a statement. (a) Then use the same words to write a question. (b) Remember to capitalize and punctuate!

(a) They will come to the parade.

(b) Will they come to the parade?

- come the
- parade to
- they will

(a) ______________

(b) ______________

- bed can
- dog my on
- sleep the

(a) ______________

(b) ______________

- should the
- postcard he

(a) ______________

(b) ______________

- tart eat
- the l
- can jam

(a) ______________

(b) ______________
Help Maddie the Monster and her friends find the missing numbers that correctly fit in the blank spaces provided.

4 + __ < 10
2 + 9 = __

__ + 7 = 14
12 - 4 < __

8 - 2 > __
14 + 3 > __

6 + __ < 13
3 - __ < 5

10 - 3 = __
15 + __ = 20

4 + __ > 9
11 - 4 < __