

My Opinion Writing Checklist

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4th Grade Opinion Writing Rubric

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W.4.5, L.4.1 Review work to revise and edit (capitalization, punctuation, and spelling)					

Which Class?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Would you rather take a class on how to use a 3D printer or close-up magic?

Directions:

- Watch the videos to learn more about these activities.
- Read more about both classes on your Class Descriptions worksheet.
- Choose which class you would rather take, and write your opinion as your thesis.
- Come up with two reasons why you chose that class, and examples that show that reason. Use examples from the video and the text.

Thesis

I would rather take the _____ class.

Reason 1



Notes for Examples

Reason 2



Notes for Examples



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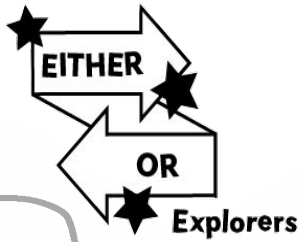
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Either/Or Notes

Podcast Guest (name): _____

V.I.P.

Parrot



Octopus

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thesis



I would rather be _____

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Social Parrots

By Discovery Education

Parrots are well known for the amazing ability to copy the sounds of humans. Beyond talking, they also sometimes dance or sing along to music. Parrots' ability to talk, sing, and dance makes them a favorite pet for many people.

In the wild, parrots live in big social groups and have friends and family all around. They work together to keep each other safe from predators. Parrots clean each other, and some parrots share food to make sure everyone has enough.

Some kinds of parrots also play games with each other. They play games similar to "tag" and chase each other around. They also sometimes play-fight, trying to nip at each other's feet. They play games to stay in shape and to have fun.



PARROT FUN FACTS

There are over 350 types of parrots.

...

Some types of parrots can live for over 80 years, and the oldest parrot alive is over 100.

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The fastest parrots can fly over 50mph.

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Parrots usually fly between 1,000 and 3,000 feet above the ground.

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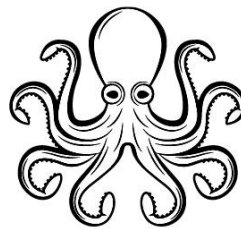
A group of parrots is called a "pandemonium of parrots."

Clever Octopus

By Discovery Education

Octopuses are smart creatures. Some can build their own homes out of stones and use a rock as a front door to get some privacy. If they're away from home, some octopuses bring their home along with them! They travel around with shells or coconuts that make a good home on the go. Since octopuses are very flexible, some smaller ones can fit themselves completely into a coconut or a shell. It's a great hiding place to watch for food or take a nap.

Octopuses can figure out how to solve problems. They can open jars, solve mazes, or even outsmart crab traps. When a crab fisherman pulls up a trap full of nothing but shells, it means an octopus snuck into the trap, ate all the crabs, and snuck back out before the fisherman even knew what was happening.



OCTOPUS FUN FACTS

There are over 300 types of octopuses.

...

Octopuses can taste things with their tentacles.

...

Octopuses have 9 brains. One main brain, and one smaller brain for each tentacle.

...

Octopuses can change the texture of their skin as well as the color. They can make themselves bumpy like a coral, smooth like an eel, or pointy like a lionfish.

Word Bank

Parrot and Octopus

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Parrot



fly



talk



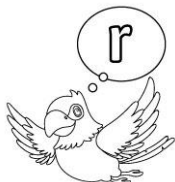
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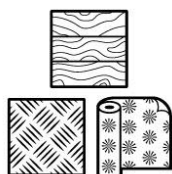
learn



group



identify



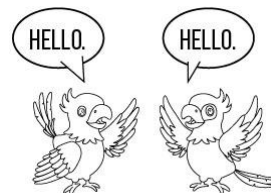
material



flock



social



mimic

Octopus



swim



squeeze



hide



color



home



tentacle



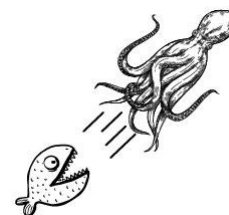
flexible



texture



camouflage



escape

Opinion Writing Words



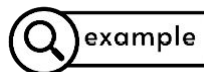
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a sentence that states your opinion



reason

states why you have an opinion



example

a fact or detail that shows a reason is true

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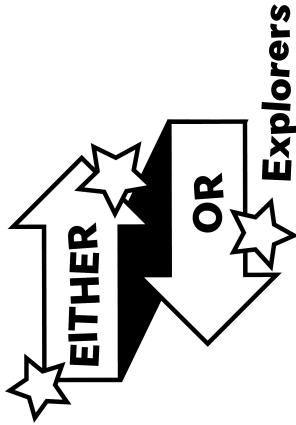
Podcast Planning

Podcast Guest (Name): _____

V.I.P.

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1 reason

Ideas

They can hide.
They are flexible.
They take care of
each other.
They are smart.
They are playful.

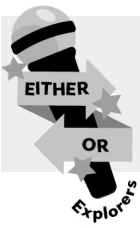
2 reason

example

example

example

example



Podcast Script (I)

Podcast Guest (Name): _____

Date: _____

V.I.P.



Host: Hi everyone and welcome to the Either/Or Explorers. Today's question is a tough one. Would you rather... be a parrot or an octopus?

Please welcome my guest today, _____.
I'm curious to know, would you rather be a parrot or an octopus?

Introduction





Host: A strong opinion! Tell me about one reason why you chose that animal.

Reason I



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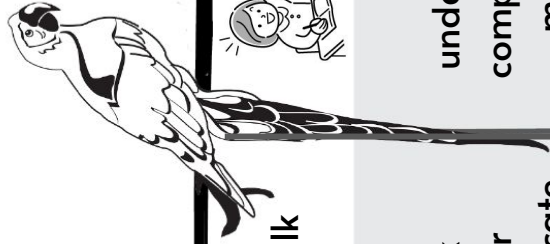
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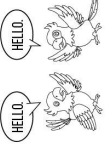
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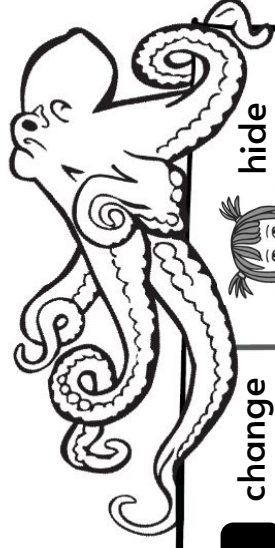
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Starting Words

POWERFUL Words



talk	learn	fly	work together	name	copy
					
speak answer communicate	understand comprehend master	soar glide take flight	help each other cooperate collaborate	recognize identify distinguish between	repeat mimic imitate



fit	solve	get out	stay safe	change	hide
					
squeeze squish maneuver	figure out puzzle out outsmart	break out escape flee abscond	protect defend safeguard	adjust alter transform	blend in disappear camouflage

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Podcast Script (2)

Podcast Guest (Name): _____

Date: _____

V.I.P.



Host: That makes a lot of sense. Is there another reason why you chose that animal?

Reason 2



Host: That is pretty convincing. Before we wrap up today's episode, what would you like our listeners to remember?

Ending



Host: You've got me convinced! Listeners, this has been another episode of Either/Or Explorers. Tune in to the next episode to hear... would you rather

Be _____ or _____?

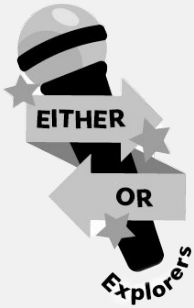
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Final Script (I)

Podcast Guest (Name): _____

Date: _____



Guest: _____

Host: _____ Episode Date: _____

Topic: Would you rather be an octopus or a parrot?

Recording Reminders



Make sure
you have all
script pages



Use a
confident
presenting
voice



Clear any
distractions
from your
desk



Follow along
when your
partner reads
their lines

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Guest: _____

Host: A strong opinion, I love it! Tell me one reason why you chose that animal.

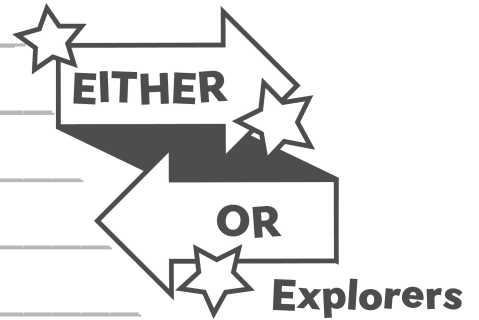
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Final Script (2)

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Date: _____

Guest Cont'd.: _____



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Which Job?

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Would you rather be an obstacle course athlete or a pastry chef?

Directions:

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