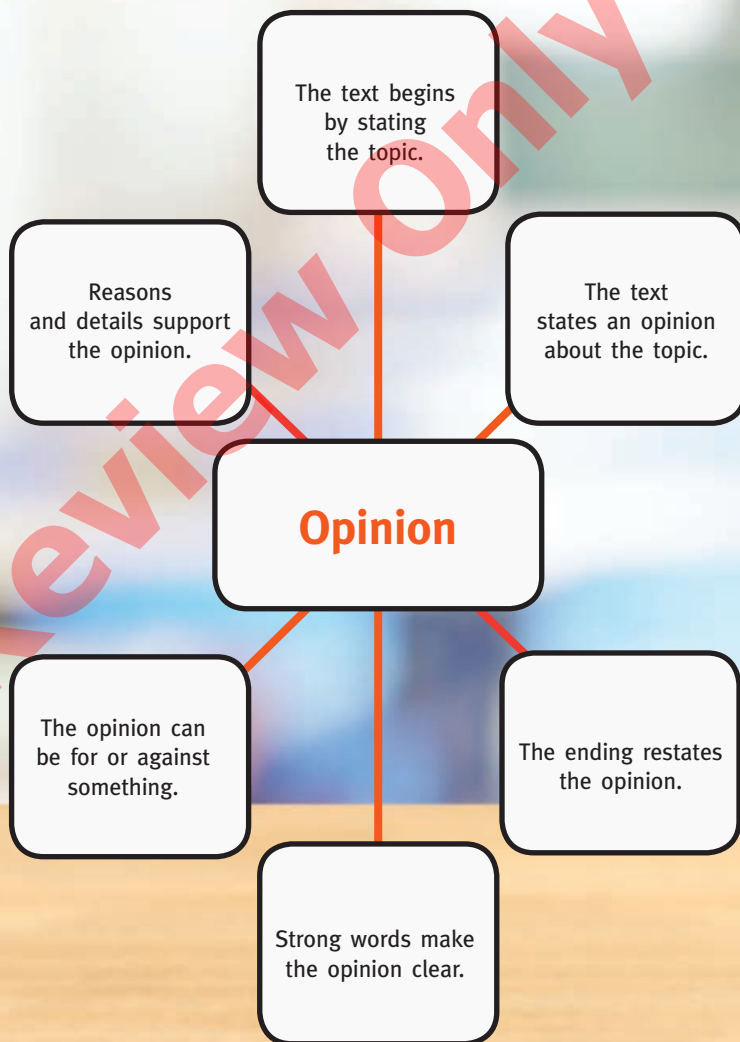


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Introduction

A computer is a helpful tool. It is also fun to use. But it is not a toy. A computer must be used with care.





You can use a computer to learn about the world. You can also use it to keep in touch with family and friends. This book presents two opinions about the best uses for computers. Read on to learn about these opinions.

Opinion 1:**Computers Are the Best Research Tools**

For research, the computer is the most important tool I use. At school, I use a computer every day. I use it to write. I use it to find facts. I use it to answer questions I have. I also use it to find pictures of things I am learning about. That is why I think computers are the best research tools.





Computers can help you find facts from many sources quickly and easily. For example, last week I had to talk to the class about the sun. I used the computer to write an outline for my report. I also used it to look up interesting facts and pictures about the sun.

In a flash, I learned that the sun is over 149 million kilometers (about 93 million miles) from Earth. I wondered how long it would take to get there. With a few clicks, I found the answer.



I presented my report to the class. I told them that it would take 176 years to travel to the sun. The class thought that was a cool fact.

Then I showed the class a photograph. It showed what the sun looks like when the moon covers it.



Sometimes, if we finish our schoolwork, we get free computer time. The teacher permits us to look up other interesting topics. I look at animals. I read about different places.



Computer Rules at School

- **Schoolwork is finished.** ☒
- **Handle the computer with care.** ☒
- **Use the computer responsibly.** ☒
- **A teacher must be present.** ☒
- **Visit only school-approved websites.** ☒

I know that the computer is not a toy. I follow the rules and go only to websites that are approved by my school. With a computer, I have facts from many sources at my fingertips. That is why I think computers are the best research tools.