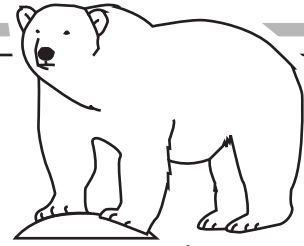


Develop an Opinion About a Nonfiction Topic

An **opinion** is what you believe about something or somebody.

Example: I think polar bears should be protected.

Authors share their opinions about topics through the words they use. Sometimes they state their opinion, but other times, you have to use clues in the text to figure out what the author thinks.



Directions: Read the passages below and form an opinion about the topic. Express your opinion by completing the sentence frame.

1. If you want to get a kitten as a pet, you need to know a few things first. You have to feed kittens twice a day. They have a lot of energy, so you need to play with them often. You have to watch them closely and focus on what they need.

2. Sea turtles are important to the sea environment. Some sea turtles eat jellyfish. That helps to control how many jellyfish are in the sea. Some sea turtles eat seagrass. Seagrass has to be cut to help it grow. This helps other sea creatures because they live in the seagrass, and they need it to survive.

3. Did you know kangaroos can walk backwards? The kangaroo is an interesting animal. It has no real natural predator, except humans and the dingo. This helps them survive. They also do not hunt other animals because they only eat plants. Heat and drought are linked to problems for kangaroos. If it does not rain, the kangaroo does not have enough water.

What do you think about getting a kitten as a pet?

I think getting a kitten as a pet is hard
work

because a kitten needs a lot of
attention.

What do you think about sea turtles?

I think sea turtles are important in the
ocean

because they eat jellyfish so there are
not too many jellyfish floating around.

What do you think about kangaroos?

I think kangaroos are interesting animals

because they can walk backwards