Routine Writing Practice

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   It uses too many details from the book.

   The reason repeats the opinion and gives no detail.

   It answers a question nobody asked.

   The response is too long for ten minutes.

2. Why is this quick-write weak? "Dogs are great. Dogs are great pets. Everyone loves dogs."

   It changes the topic in every sentence it writes.

   It uses exact words and numbers to explain the opinion.

   It tells a long story instead of giving an opinion.

   It repeats the same idea without a reason or example.

3. Why is this journal entry weak? "We went to the zoo. We saw animals. It was fun."

   It does not give specific details about what happened.

   It is written in the wrong order, from the end to the start.

   It has too many exact numbers and names in it.

   It is about something that did not happen to the writer.

4. Question: "How does Maya change in the story?" Response: "Maya has a dog named Pepper." Why is this response weak?

   It is written as a question, not an answer.

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   It changes the main character's name.

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