

Quality Evidence

Writing as a third grader takes a lot of effort and diligence. You have to think about the evidence you include in your paragraph to make sure it makes sense to the people that read your writing. This anchor chart will help you learn how to include evidence in your writing.

Vocabulary

Evidence	A sentence from the text that is used to support your topic sentence. Gives quality information.
Sentence Frame	The start of a sentence that helps improve your sentence quality.
On-topic	Makes sense with what you are talking about.

Evidence Sentence Frames

What

1. One interesting fact about _____ is _____.
2. Another interesting fact about _____ is _____.

Why

1. One reason why _____ is important is because _____.
2. Another reason why _____ is important is because _____.

How

1. First, _____.
2. Then, _____.

What 1

What 2

Why 1

Why 2

What 1

What 2

Why 1

Why 2

Quality Elaboration

Writing quality elaboration is the single hardest thing for third graders to master. Elaboration helps your reader understand the information you are giving them with your evidence. Strong elaboration tells your reader more about your topic.

Vocabulary

Elaboration	A sentence that is used to help your reader understand the information given by the evidence.
Sentence Frame	The start of a sentence that helps improve your sentence quality.
Repetitive	Repeats information in the same or very similar way.

Types of Elaboration

Examples:

You can give your reader an example of what your evidence means to help them understand.

For example,

For example, the 2011 earthquake in Japan destroyed many buildings.

Descriptions:

You can describe your evidence more deeply with a descriptive sentence.

This means that

This means that you will be safe from sharks as long as you stay on dry land.

Reasons why:

You can explain why your evidence happens or is important.

This is because

This is because laws were not fair for many people.

One interesting fact about rainbows is they are made up of seven different colors.

For example, rainbows can have the colors red, yellow, or green.

Another interesting fact about rainbows is they can never be seen at night.

This is because there is no sunlight to show the colors.

One reason why water is important is because it helps keep humans healthy.

For example, drinking water can help cool you down when you get too hot.

Another reason why water is important is because plants need it to grow.

For example, plants use water during photosynthesis to get energy.

One amazing way frogs hunt their prey is with their long, sticky tongue.

This means that frogs don't have to walk or jump after their prey.

Another exciting way frogs hunt their prey is by camouflaging themselves and surprising them.

This means that the frog's skin helps them blend in with their surroundings.

One reason why technology is important is because it makes doing jobs easier.

Another reason why technology is important is because it helps people learn new things.
