



**PAWS  
Writing  
Grade 5**

**Released Items  
With Data**

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Expository



Report

Annotated Anchor Set

“Playing a Game”



# Grade 5

## Released Writing Prompt

### Playing a Game

Playing a game can be educational as well as fun. Think about a game that teaches you something while you are having fun. Write about this game and explain why it is both fun and educational.

Each paper you will score today was written to the prompt above.

# **Idea Development**

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Me and \_\_\_\_\_ will play tag  
and \_\_\_\_\_ is it and \_\_\_\_\_  
tag me so im it and  
im trying to tag \_\_\_\_\_  
and we had to go home  
and eat food. And \_\_\_\_\_  
is my sister and we are  
eating diner in the famley  
room. and then we can  
go back outside to play  
tag and \_\_\_\_\_ is it. and  
we lived happily happily after  
The End?

**Idea Development score point 0**

Even though the student writes about the game of Tag, the details are consistently irrelevant and do not support how the game is fun and educational (*go home and eat food, eating diner in the famley room, we lived happily happily after*).

Captain's coming is a very fun game. It teaches port, star board, bow and stern, It is fun because you "mop the deck and haul in the anchor. It is a good game for younger kids. That's why it is fun and educational.

**Idea Development score point 1**

This student presents a game (*Captain's coming*) and attempts an explanation of how it is educational (*It teaches . . . stern*) and fun (*It is fun because you mop . . . anchor*). The student provides few relevant details.

A game that is fun and teaches me something is basketball. It teaches me how to dribble, shoot and pass a ball. It also teaches me about teamwork. Teamwork is a very special thing that you need to know about because if you don't use teamwork you won't have fun and won't win. To use teamwork you have to pass the ball to each other and you can't leave somebody out because they aren't as good as you so pass the ball to everybody equally and have fun.

Basketball is also a sport you have fun in. You have fun in practice.



because if you mess up once or twice it's okay to laugh but if you're in a game it's okay to mess up but it's not going to be that funny. It's also a fun sport because you get to be with your friends and laugh a lot. When you are with your friends you have a lot of fun because you are meant to be friends and it's also fun because you get to just play together and have fun. You need to have fun because if you don't have fun you are going to be bored and then nobody is going to want to be on the team. So just

have alot of fun and do your best!

**Idea Development score point 2**

The student presents an explanation in response to the topic (*A game that is fun and teaches me something is basketball*). The student provides relevant details (*teaches me how to dribble, shoot and pass; teaches me about teamwork; cant leave somebody out; have fun in practice; to be with your friends and laugh a lot; play together and have fun*).

One game that is fun and educational is chess. Chess teaches you to plan ahead and to always have a back-up plan. This is helpful to our everyday lives because sometimes we don't plan on how we're going to do something in the future so then something comes up that you've known about for a long time but then you didn't do anything about it so it falls apart. It also helps because if you did plan something for an event, say a party, but certain circumstances make it go wrong so if you didn't have a plan the party would fall apart. The game chess can help you learn to prevent these things from happening.

Chess is also educational because it teaches patience. As some of you might know,

Chess is not a fast paced game. Hundreds of moves can be made in one good game of chess! This teaches patience because you might have to wait a long time for your opponent to make his move.

A third thing chess teaches is sacrifice. Chess teaches sacrifice because sometimes you have to sacrifice important pieces to win. Sometimes you might have to sacrifice your queen to get their king into checkmate. This helps in life because you might have to sacrifice something to do something great or to help other people.

Chess is fun (to me at least) because it creates challenges that make you have to think really hard to figure out. Now if you don't like challenges or having to be

patient, you won't like chess.

Chess is also a great time filler.  
If it's cold outside or you just don't want  
to go out, just grab a friend, a chess set, and  
your brain and play chess!

**Idea Development score point 3**

The student chooses a game and develops a clear and focused response to the topic (*One game that is fun and educational is chess*). The student offers supporting details (*... teaches you to plan ahead and to always have a backup plan, teaches patience, Chess teaches sacrifice, creates challenges*). The student enhances the explanation by offering real-life experiences for supporting details.

# **Organization**

Expository  
Report

I IN football they tell you  
how long a football field is  
that is good if you have  
a test and it asked  
you how long a football  
field is then you can  
ansire the austin with no trubbul  
at all of how many miles  
a football field is then  
it would be vary eazy for  
you to ansir the austin.

**Organization score point 0**

The response has no identifiable introduction or conclusion. Topic sentences, transitions, and appropriate indentations are lacking.

I have played Football and it is fun and cool. Football tote me how to run faster and block. Football is played all over the USA and maybe in other contryes too. Football can be danders and at the same time fun. When I grew up I am going to be in the NFL if I go to school and get good skorships. I like Football beause it tote me a lot of stuff and kept me from being lised and lame.



it made me tufe and strong  
to be a boxer or a mkeret  
becuse I mete not go to  
the NFL .

**Organization score point 1**

The student presents an introduction (*I have played football and it is fun and cool*) but no conclusion. The writer lists ideas without using transitions or appropriate spacing or indentation (*football tote me how, football can be danders, I like football*). Sentences lack variety and begin with simple subject-verb construction (*Football is played all over . . . . Football can be danders . . . . I like Football beucse*).

I chose life as my fun and educational game. Here are some ways it's fun and educational.

One of the fun things is you get to choose a car and whether or not you go to college. Another one is to choose a job. Some of the jobs are: doctor, artist, advertiser, country singer, athlete, or computer operator.

Some educational things are making choices like how much salary you get on payday. Or how much taxes you have to

pay. Another educational thing is also choosing a job. If your a computer operator you have to fix computers, then you get payed. Also you have to choose a morgatage.

Another fun thing is choosing a house. There are about 5 houses to choose from.

Life is a fun and educational game. I really enjoy playing it.

#### Organization score point 2

The writer presents an introduction (*I would choose Life as my fun and educational game*) and a conclusion (*Life is a fun and educational game*). Ideas are introduced in topic sentences (*One of the fun things, Some educational things, Another educational thing*) and indentations indicate paragraphs. The writer attempts to use a variety of sentences; sentences are mostly correct.

## Animal Bingo

I love playing Animal Bingo because it is fun and educational. You can learn their habitats, win prizes, and identify tracks.

First you can learn their habitats. While getting clues you can learn where they live, such as the Rain Forest. You can learn why they live there too. You can learn if they are endangered, and if it has to do with where they live. Also you can learn the food chain. By listening to the clues of other animals you can tell if they relate.

Also, you can win fun prizes. If you win an animal track cast you can study it to look for similar tracks in the wild. The animal book you can draw pictures then give a friend a fun quiz. If you win an animal toy you can study the features of it then look for the animal in the wild.

lastly, you can identify animal tracks. When given a clue, you can guess what animal it is, then you can track them in the wild. If given the animal, you can learn the shape. By learning the shape, you can track the animal and see if it matches.

Not only you can see that it is educational and fun. You can learn their habitats, win fun prizes, and identify tracks.

### Organization score point 3

The student develops an effective introduction that presents the ideas used to build the structure of the paper (*habitats, win prizes, identify tracks*). The writer consistently uses topic sentences and varied transitions between and within paragraphs (*First, Also, Lastly, if you win an animal, when given a clue . . . then you can*). The student attempts to use a variety of sentence structures; sentences are mostly correct.

# **Voice**

## Expository Report

Me and \_\_\_\_\_ will play tag  
and \_\_\_\_\_ is it and \_\_\_\_\_  
tag me so im it and  
im trying to tag \_\_\_\_\_  
and we had to go home  
and eat food. And \_\_\_\_\_  
is my sister and we are  
eating dinner in the family  
room. and then we can  
go back outside to play  
tag and \_\_\_\_\_ is it. and  
we lived happily happily after.  
The End?

**Voice score point 0**

The student's report lacks voice and an extremely limited range of words is used.

Around the World is  
A Educational Game. This  
Game is Fun to Play With  
your Class Mates. How  
to Play Around The World?  
You go stand Buy a Class  
mate The teacher will show  
Both of you a Addition Card  
and if you get it right  
you go to the next person  
But if you lose you  
have to sit in that  
Persons Desk. Now if  
you get around the  
hole class you win.



but If you were Five  
People From Winning  
you would not win,  
you would have to go all  
The way around and  
you would win. There  
is lots of Fun Games  
to Play About Educational  
That's how you  
Play around the World?

**Voice score point 1**

The student's report reveals limited voice appropriate to the purpose (*That's how you play Around the World!*). The student uses simple words and phrases (*Fun to play, If you get It right*).

Volleyball is a fun and educational.  
When you play volleyball there are  
5-6 players on the court at a time.  
There are 6 positions on the court.  
The serving position is position #1 and  
center-back is position #6. Front from  
right to left are positions 2, 3, and 4.  
Position #5 is left-back. The Players  
in the front either set, spike, or pass.  
Players in the back can set, but  
they often pass.  
Volleyball is fun because you get  
to move around and hit the ball.  
When you're mad it's always

fun to go out and hit the ball as hard as you can. It's also fun because you get to serve, set, spike, and pass. Another reason it's fun is because you get to be around people your age.

Volleyball is educational because it teaches you things like how to be a good sport. Sportmanship is always something you'll need to know. Also teaches you teamwork something you will need in life. Another thing it teaches you is to serve, set, spike, pass and to work hard. That's why

volleyball is fun and educational.

**Voice score point 2**

The student's report reveals voice appropriate to the purpose (*Volleyball is fun because . . . hit the ball. . . Volleyball is educational because . . . good sport*). The writer uses some precise words and phrases (*serving position, center-back, left-back, When you're mad . . . as hard as you can, teaches you teamwork*).

## A Math Game That's Fun!!

This game I'm going to tell you about is really fun. It is a math game that teaches you lots of things. You could play this game in a classroom. Here's a hint =  $7 \times 5 = 35$  is one thing you need to know. Can you guess my special game? My special game is Around the World.

I'm sure you've played Around the World, but for those who haven't, here's how. First your teacher will stand in the front of the room with a bunch of flash cards. The first two kids in the first two rows will stand up

The teacher will pull out a flash card. Whoever says the answer correctly first, moves to the next desk to the right of him or her. The loser sits down in the previous desk. You will keep playing like this until a person has made it all the way around the room back to where he or she started. This person made it around the world.

This game teaches you a lot. It teaches you your math facts, as well as teaching you to study them. If you don't know what  $1 \times 1$  or  $2 \times 2$  equals, you won't do very well. It is also fun to compete against some-

one. You have to be able to say the answers quickly, in order to win.

Now you see what a great game Around the World is. It is a fun and exciting math game that teaches you your facts. So next time you find yourself in a classroom and they're playing Around the World, jump right in. Who knows, maybe you'll even make it Around the World!

### Voice score point 3

The student's report consistently reveals voice and style appropriate to the purpose (*Here's a hint, Whoever says the answer correctly first . . . of him or her*). The writer uses a variety of precise words and phrases (*front of the room with a bunch of flash cards, sits down in the previous desk*). The student uses a precise phrase that demonstrates a "play on words" (*Who knows, maybe you'll even make it Around the World!*).

# **Conventions**

Expository  
Report



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im tring to tag \_\_\_\_\_  
and we had to go home  
and eat food. And \_\_\_\_\_  
is my sister and we are  
eating diner in the famley  
room, and then we can  
go back outside to play  
tag and \_\_\_\_\_ is it. and  
we lived happily happily after.  
The End?

**Conventions score point 0**

The student misspells common words (*tring, famley*) and demonstrates incorrect use of grade-appropriate capitalization and punctuation (*im, .and we had to go, The End?*). The student demonstrates incorrect use of grade-appropriate grammar and usage (*Me and Sally, Sally tag me, eating diner*).

1# There is this assume game called stop, think, and learn. This game is good because it teaches you what you can learn from life and what you can do to help the earth and people like you can pick up trash for the earth and more peoples lands that would help the people.

2# you learn more reading, writing, and math skills. Then you can do better in school and at everyday things. Also this game will let you explain your self.

3# If you don't know how to respect people or be nice this game is just for you because you will learn to respect and be nice to

eather.

4#

The game says that there can only 4 people to play and you have to be 10 and up in order to play

The game. To play the game you need to have 2 dice in order to play. Also people have to find good partners they can work well.

5#

This game should help you get started in life.

#### Conventions score point 1

Some common and grade-appropriate words are misspelled (*gam, moe, scills, beder, exsplane, inorde*). Although the writer capitalizes the beginning of sentences, other words are inappropriately capitalized (*Be, People, Just, Because, Play*).

I know a game that is both fun and educational. The game is circuit.

A reason why this game is fun, is because you get to close your eyes (except the person in front). Also you get to play with your friends. Finally there are two different teams so you can see who are better spellers.

Now that I have told you some fun things, lets hear some educational things about circuit.

The first thing is it's a good way to practice spelling. Another thing is you get more practice before the test. Last but not least it teaches you not to cheat because you have to close your eyes.

Now that I have told you all those things you are probably wondering how to play. First you get in two teams. Then you all hold hands and close your eyes, except for

the person in front. Next, the teacher writes a word on the board. Then if the person in front thinks it is right they squeeze the next person's hand and send the circuit through. But if it is wrong they don't.

Well there you go a game that is both fun and educational is circuit.

**Conventions score point 2**

The writer uses grade-appropriate capitalization and punctuation. Despite a few errors (*alot*, *befor*, *probally*, *exsept*), the student uses grade-appropriate spelling (*different*, *practice*, *circuit*). Grammar is grade-appropriate.

I'm going to tell you about a game called, "I've Got a Bug in my System!".

Here's how you play; First, you are a microscopic bug and you accidentally fly into the mouth of a seven year old. While your in the mouth each person draws a mouth card. If you pull a cavity cavity card you lose a turn. After your done in the mouth you travel down the throat to the stomach. In the stomach you pull a stomach card. If you pull an un-healthy food you have to go back up to the mouth as throw-up and start over, but if you pull a regular card you're ok. After your done in the stomach you travel to the

lungs. In the lungs you pull the lung cards. If you pull a narcolepsy card you lose a turn, but if you pull a breathe card you're doing ok. Next you proceed to the blood stream. There, you will ride on the red blood cells and learn a little about the circulatory system. If you pull a card that has chicken-pox on it you lose a turn. If you pull a white blood cell you're doing good. Then you go to the brain. In the brain, you can pull a school day card and you're ok, but if you pull a brain damage card you lose two turns.



Part you go to the nose  
where you get sneezed out. That's only  
if you don't pull a stuffy nose  
card. Then you have to wait a turn.

The final thing that I would  
like to say is this game is  
educational because it teaches you  
about the human body and the  
sicknesses you can get. It's also  
fun because it can be a family  
activity. Also it's fun to do with  
friends or in science.

### Conventions score point 3

The student consistently uses grade-appropriate spelling (*cavity*, *damage*, *sicknesses*). The student uses grade-appropriate capitalization and punctuation consistently (*"I've Got a Bug in my System!"*). Grammar and usage are consistently grade-appropriate.