

Personification Animal Story Ideas and Organization

Standards:

- Demonstrate focus and organization in written compositions.
- Write for a variety of purposes including description, information, explanation, persuasion and narration.
- Include important details that relate to the topic.
- Write with clarity and understanding.

Task:

Read the book Duck on a Bike by David Shannon. Think about the duck and all of the adventures and funny things that happened to him while riding the bike. Think about the way that the animals reacted to seeing a duck on a bike. Now think of your own animal to write about. Choose a different mode of human transportation for your animal to ride on. Now write a story in which three other animals react to this funny scene. Remember to include a title, topic sentence, interesting details and a closing sentence.

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Title	An original and creative title that matches the story is present.	An appropriate title that matches the story is present.	A title is present, but it does not match the story or a title is not present.
Topic Sentence	An interesting topic sentence begins the paragraph. It clearly expressed a theme or main idea of the rest of the paragraph.	The topic sentence could have been more focused, but expressed the theme or main idea that the paragraph was about.	A topic sentence did not begin the paragraph or expressed a theme or main idea that was not focused and specific or there was no topic sentence.
Details	Relevant, telling, quality details give the reader important information that goes beyond the obvious or predictable.	Supporting details and information are relevant, but one key issue or portion of the storyline is unsupported.	Supporting details and information are typically unclear or not related to the topic.
Closing Sentence	The closing sentence was interesting and summed up the main idea of the paragraph.	The closing sentence summed up the main them idea of the paragraph.	The concluding sentence was not relevant and did not sum up the main idea of the paragraph or there was no closing sentence.