

Summer Enrichment Activities

# Summer Writing Practice Choice Board for Elementary

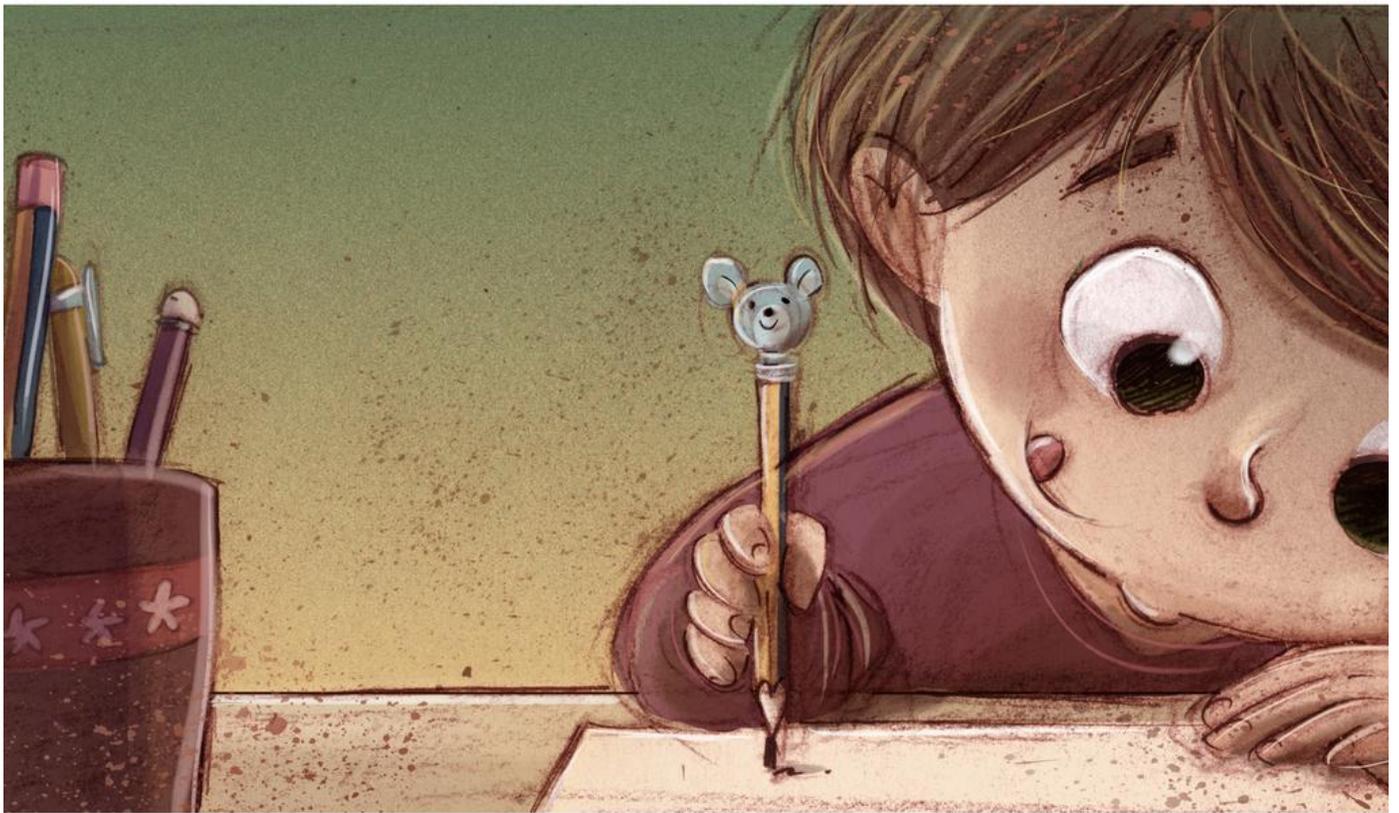


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| <p><b>The Very Lonely Firefly</b></p> <p>Imagine you are a firefly, flying around at night. Keep a <a href="#">journal</a> of your adventures! Write at least 5 entries, making sure you write in a first person point of view.</p>   | <p><b>How to Catch a Fish</b></p> <p>Calling all anglers! Share your knowledge and expertise about fishing by describing step-by-step how to catch a fish! Don't forget to use time order words.</p>  | <p><b>Pen a Pal</b></p> <p>Write a <a href="#">friendly letter</a> to a student from your class. Be sure to include all <a href="#">parts of the letter</a> and share fun details about your summer.</p>  |
| <p><b>Describe a Character</b></p> <p>After reading a book, choose one character and write to describe them. Use this <a href="#">graphic organizer</a> first, to help you write a strong, descriptive paragraph.</p>                 | <p><b>Memorial Day or 4th of July?</b></p> <p>Write an opinion paragraph, telling which summer holiday you think is better - Memorial Day or Fourth of July! Be sure to include at least 3 opinion words in your writing.</p>   | <p><b>Can We Please Get a Pool?</b></p> <p>Do you want a pool this summer? Write a persuasive letter to your town or city convincing them to put one in! Use a <a href="#">graphic organizer</a> and be sure to use at least 3 persuasive words or phrases throughout your writing.</p> |
| <p><b>The Ultimate Summer Party</b></p> <p>Pretend you're allowed to invite 10 of your friends over to your house this summer. Write a descriptive story that describes what an ultimate summer party would be like at your home!</p> | <p><b>How to Make a S'More</b></p> <p>S'mores are a favorite summer treat. How do you like to make yours? Write a <a href="#">descriptive paragraph</a>, outlining the steps you take-from starting a fire to building your favorite kind of s'more! Be sure to use time order words and plenty of details!</p> | <p><b>Mixed-Up Animal</b></p> <p>Animals are all around you this summer. Read Eric Carle's <i>My Mixed Up Chameleon</i>. Create your own <a href="#">story</a> about an animal that you mix up!</p>   |



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# The Parts of a Letter

A letter usually includes the following parts:

**The heading of the letter** usually includes the address and date at the top of the letter.

**The greeting** is the opening like *Dear Mom* followed by a comma for a friendly letter or a colon for a business letter.

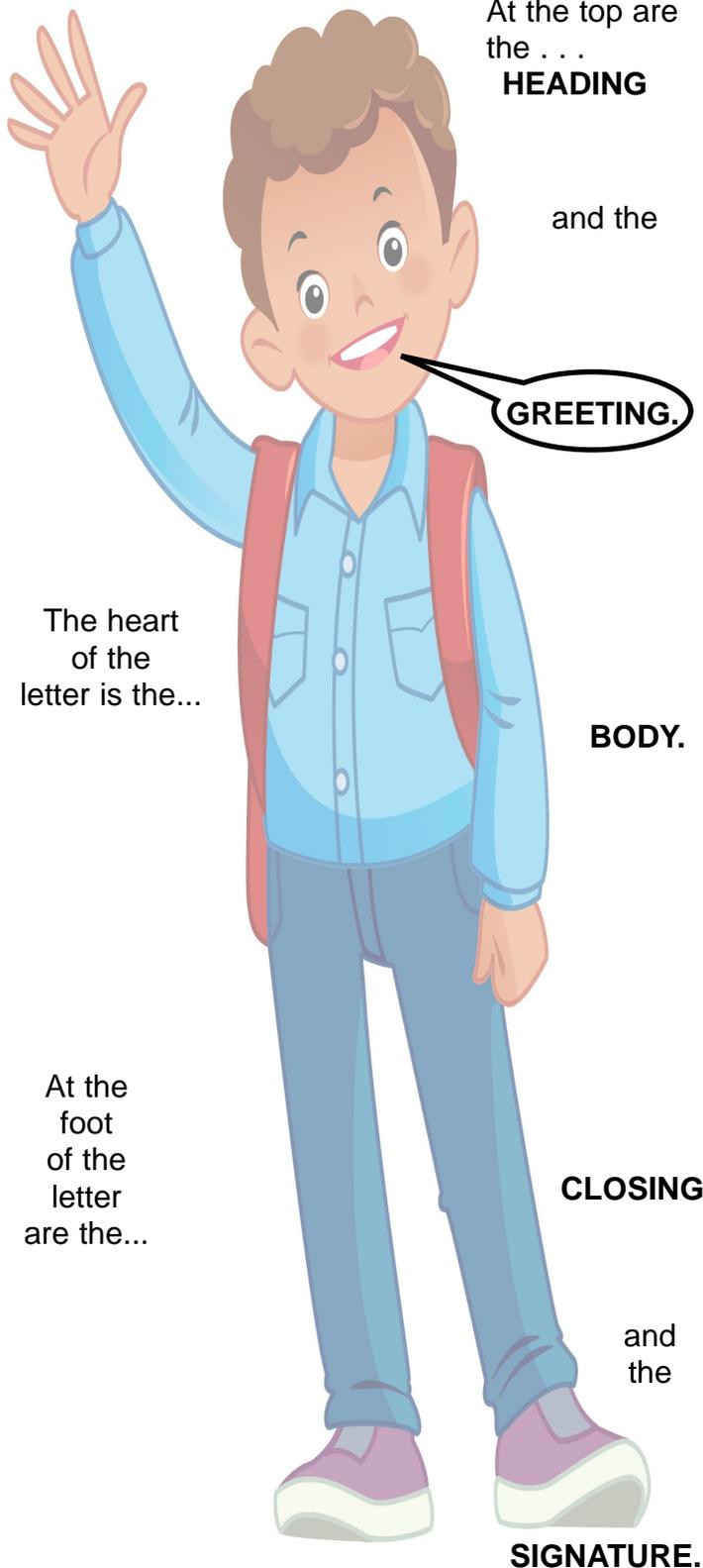
**The body** is the heart of the letter. This is where you write your message. Remember to keep your writing clear and easy to read. Write for your reader!

**The closing** is the ending of your letter. Sign your name at the end of the letter under a closing word such as *Sincerely* followed by a comma.

Here are some common abbreviations that you may need when you have small spaces to write a word.

- N. north
- S. south
- E. east
- W. west
- St. street
- Ave. avenue
- Blvd. boulevard
- Rd. road
- Dr. drive
- Ln. lane
- Cr. circle
- XING crossing
- Hwy. highway
- I interstate

## Parts of a Letter



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THAT CHARACTER!

TITLE OF STORY \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHOR \_\_\_\_\_

Name of story character \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female *(Circle one)*

Physical appearance

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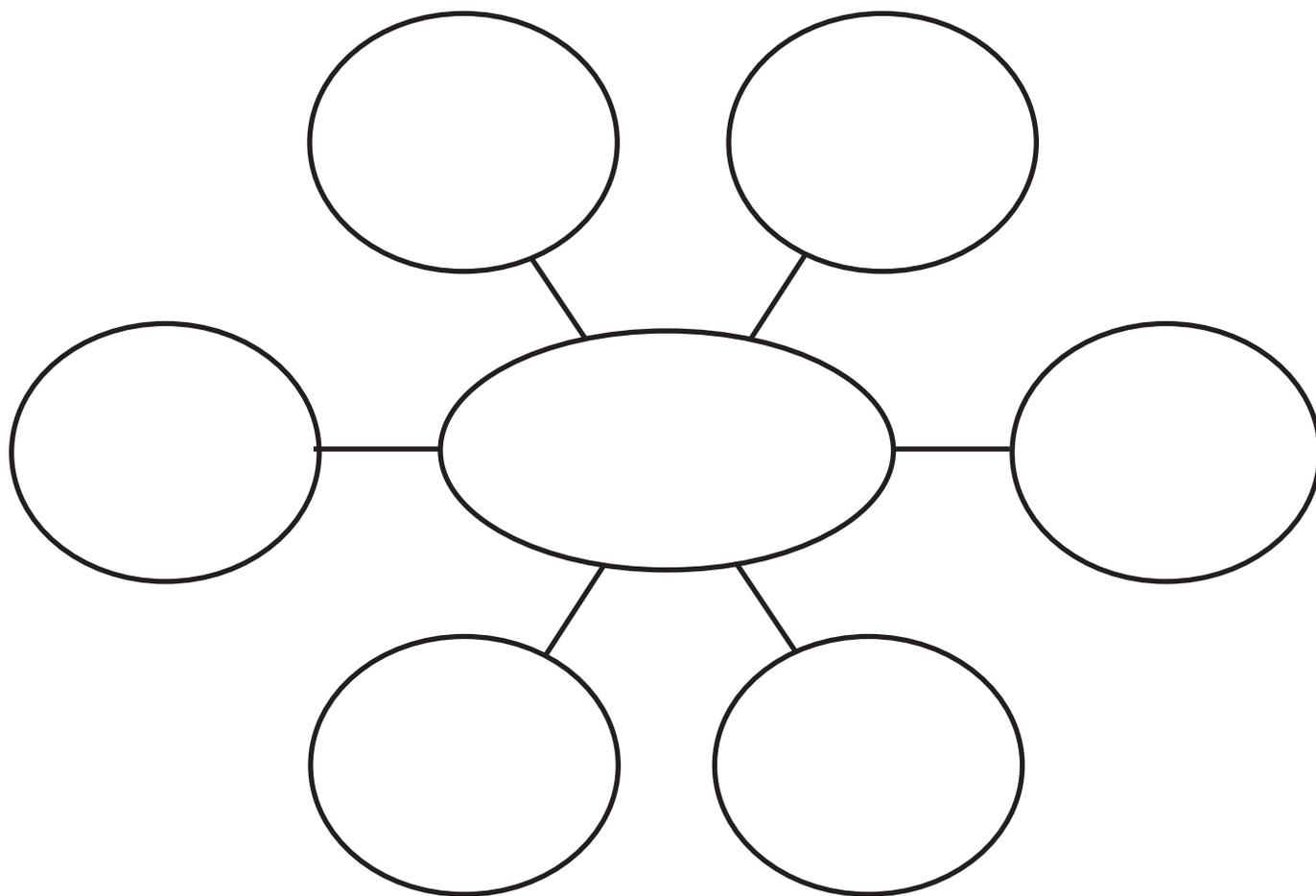
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# A Descriptive Paragraph

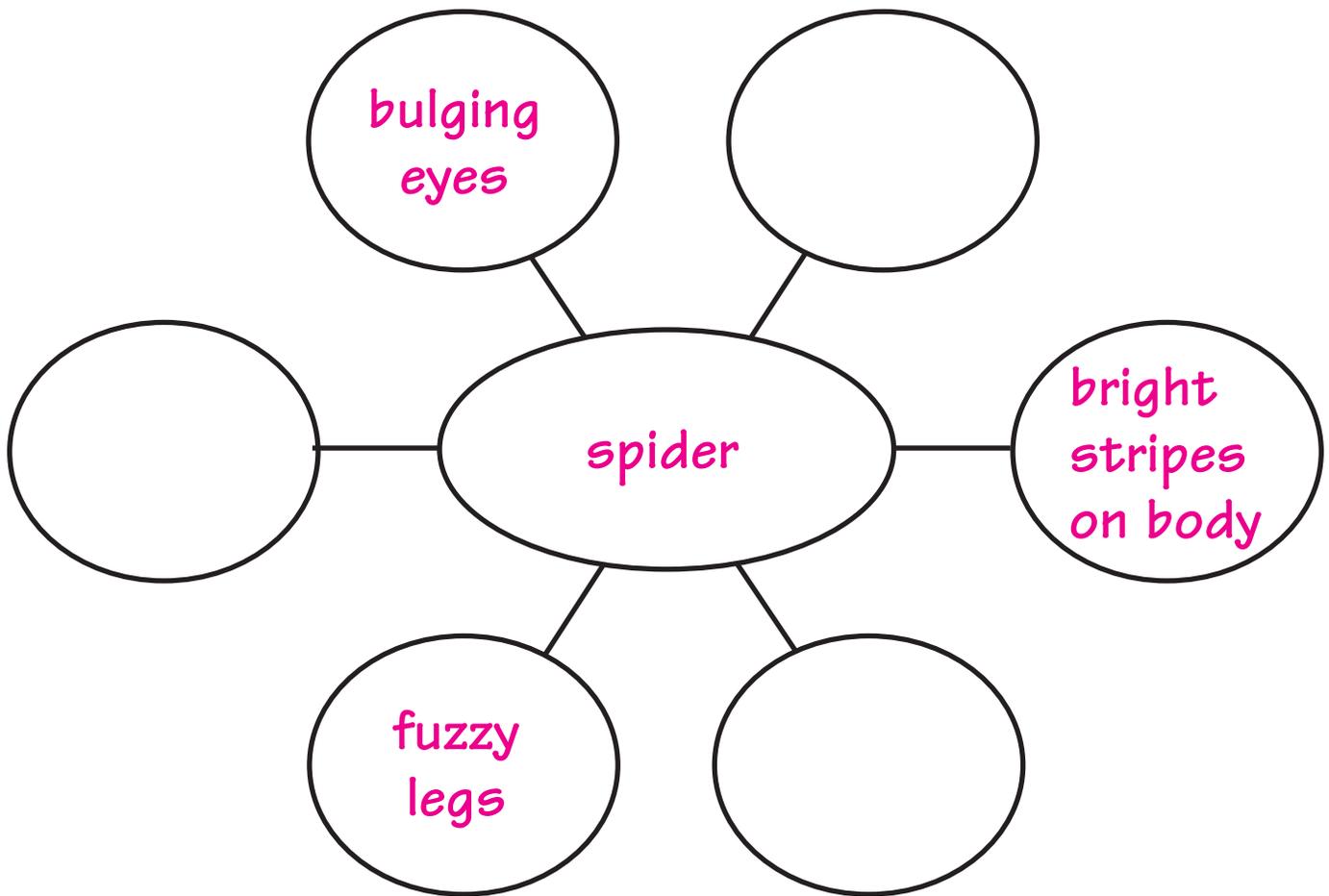
## Descriptive Word Web



# Writing a Descriptive Paragraph

## Descriptive Word Web

You can use this graphic organizer to model how to begin organizing ideas. Children can make a similar planner for their own work.



# Writing a Persuasive Letter

## Persuasion Chart

**Topic:** I want to persuade \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(audience) (purpose)

Brainstorm reasons here.



Organize your reasons here.  
Least important

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Most important

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# Writing a Persuasive Letter

## Persuasion Chart

**Topic:** I want to persuade Mom and Dad to go camping in Colorado.  
 (audience) (purpose)

Brainstorm reasons here.

lots of good fishing

mountains for hiking and biking

national parks

pretty scenery

good campgrounds

can drive there from here



Organize your reasons here.  
 Least important

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lots of fishing

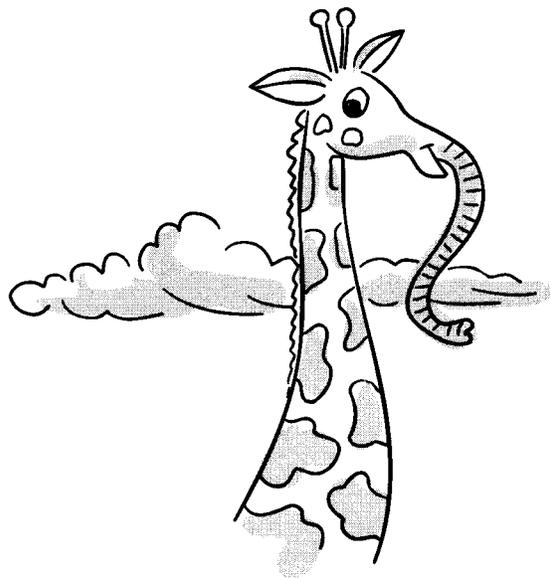
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# My Mixed-Up Animal

**E**ric Carle wrote a book about a chameleon who wished it had some characteristics of other creatures in nature. The chameleon ended up looking like a silly but scary character who finally wishes himself back to normal. In *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* you will find wonderful illustrations to accompany the story. The chameleon becomes more and more strange looking as it adds parts of other animals to its own body.

Ask children to select two real animals to put together into a single creature. One might combine an elephant and a giraffe. The resulting animal might have a trunk and a very long neck. There is a large space for a picture as this will be an important part of the assignment. Lines are provided for writing a description of the mixed-up animal. This would also make a good book.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# My Mixed-Up Animal

My mixed-up animal is made out of \_\_\_\_\_

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