

The fifth grade students at your school are having an end of the school year celebration. You need to raise money to buy snacks. The fifth graders have to decide on a fundraiser.

Three choices are being considered for the fundraiser: smelly pencils, ice pops, and wrist bands. In your opinion, which item will sell the most? You have been asked to choose one of the three items that you think is the most popular and to support your choice in a letter to your school principal.



Write a letter to your principal stating your opinion as to whether the fifth graders should sell smelly pencils, ice pops, or wrist bands. Be sure to include reasons and examples in your letter.

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**Holistic Score: 4**

Dear Mrs.E [REDACTED],

I think we should sell smelly pencils (smencils) for our 5th grade fundraiser. We should sell them because they are useful in many ways.

Kids can use them to color in art class or in any class with any art activity. Also, it can make your paper smell good. They come in many different colors and flavors. For example they have rootbeer for dark brown and mixed fruit for black. Some of them can also be like a regular pencils except it smells good, so you can write with it. Also, unlike the popsicles, you can keep it for a longer time. All you have to do is sharpen it every once and a while. It is easy to keep. You can just put it your pencil box, and conveniently, it fits perfectly.

We should not get wristbands because all you really do with it is wear it. We should not sell popsicles because even though it is refreshing it can melt. You just bought something that you ate and now it's gone, so people will not want to buy them.

Remember that smelly pencils are convenient in many ways. That is why we should be able to have smelly pencils for our 5th grade end of the year celebration fundraiser.

Sincerely,

J [REDACTED] S [REDACTED]

This paper exceeds grade-level standards. The writer insightfully develops the topic by expressing an opinion and supporting it with relevant details. The organization draws the reader in, uses details to support the opinion, and ends with a purpose. The writer uses good sentence variety and strong word choice.

### Holistic Score: 3

Dear Mr. H [REDACTED],

I beleve for this fundraiser we should sell ice pops. You would get a lot of money from selling ice pos because it is the end of the year and it is getting hot out, people need to cool down. One reason is ice pops taste good, are cool, and you could eat it if your hungry. For egsample mabe a student had P.E. that day. They are very hot from all the running in the blazing hot sun. They need something to cool off with and it is a long walk to their house. They see ice pops and walk over to buy one. After they have the ice pop they would be cool and ready to go home. It would taste deliocous and they would be tempted to buy one the next day. You would not get a lot of money from smelly pencils because they don't last very long and the smell dosen't stay. After you write with it, it louses it's smell. The points of the pencil breaks to easaly. You also wouldn't get anough money buy selling wrist bads. The rubber wrist bands don't streach so it won't fit everyones hand. If the band is to big it would fall off your hand and if it is to small it could stop the blood from suculating through your body. The words or pictures painted onto your band come off to easily. That is why I beleve you should sell ice pops instead of wrist bands or smelly pencils for the fundraiser .

From, A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]

This paper is adequate and meets grade-level standards. The writer's opinion is well-supported with relevant details. The correct letter format and logical organization demonstrate control of grade appropriate skills. The writer uses a variety of sentence structures; spelling errors may impede meaning.

### Holistic Score: 2

Dear mr.H [REDACTED]

I heard you where going to sale Ice pops smelly pencils and wrist bands. You sent me a letter saying that you wanted my opinon on which one would sale the most. So we could raise money four are school. So I think the top two would be Ice pops or wrist bands. Don't you think after school would be

kind of hot. So I think that would be a good time to sale ice pops. Kids get really hot after school so they will buy Ice cream and all that good stuff. Boys and girls would really like the wrist bands beacouse its like jewlrey four boys and girls I think that's kind of cool don't you think that. The kids will like it more if you put stuff on it four boys and girls. Like princess four girls and skate board four boys. So my tpo opinon would be...Ice pops kids love all the different flavores like rase berry cherry lemonade even just like any other flavores. You could even choos your favorite color not on what it taste like. I think you should sale them four like a dollar 99 cents even maybe just 99 cents. Ice pops could be really sweet and lots of kids love that im mean im not a big fan but i know a lot of people who are really big fans so that is why Ice pops win.

This paper is inadequate. The writer expresses an opinion but does not provide sufficient details to support the opinion. The writer uses a friendly letter format and seems aware of the audience, although the paper lacks coherence and a proper conclusion. Grammar impedes meaning, and choppy sentence structure makes it difficult to read.

## Holistic Score: 1

i think we should have ice pops the nice juic slide down when you buy it is the best tastes better than a ice cream cone I image eating a ice pops you just suck juicy kool aid out of it it just make you go into a whole diffent world when just put your lipes on it relax kids love to go to that diffent world it is like putting you into a spell and make fall in love with it it will be great to tast that with juice slide down your mouth when you run out you will more and more intell the student store run out licky it best part getting juice on to that good o tung and just swolo it i like when you wait and it melt then you can just chug it just like some good o soda. and your eyes just follow back and front because it is that good to eat those goody thing that what been try to say to you guys that are the best in world i do not know how to explain it so beatyful with its glow bright red color blues is goods to let me tell blue are good but not as good as the red ones the blues ones are so goods that a soda can not compare to them these are second big guns these shock you to how good they are like spell to these are like brother but one brother gets more girls then the other that it is going to that it like now what the red and blues like taste any thing plant may be are school to make are icecream cost 1 dollar for making for you good

This paper is inadequate. The writer mentions the topic but includes irrelevant supporting details. The paper rambles and reads as a list of random thoughts. Consistent misuse of mechanics (no punctuation) impedes meaning. Purpose and audience are not addressed, as friendly letter format is not used.