

GRADE 3 OPINION WRITING TEST PREP



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Grade 3

Standardized Writing Test Templates and Practice Tests

Writing Practice Test (6101)
OPINION WRITING

PASSAGE 1: Are Americans Ready for Cars that Can Drive Themselves?

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Another reason is traffic laws. Traffic laws can be complicated. Sometimes drivers need to break a law in order to stop an accident. For example, cars cannot cross two yellow lines. It is against the law to do so. If a child runs into the path of a car, the car cannot always stop. The only way to avoid the child might be to drive over the two lines. A person would do that. A self-driving car might not. The car might not be able to break that law in order to stop an accident.

Technology is usually a good thing. Technology that helps drivers is a great idea. Problems can happen when technology is not under control. That could happen with self-driving cars. People need to be able to control their technology.

Self-driving cars will have V2V technology. This means cars can "talk" to each other to avoid accidents.

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OPINION WRITING SKILLS

PASSAGE 2: Self-Driving Cars are a Great Idea, But Only to a Point

1 Nobody likes being told what to do. Drivers especially do not like it when other people tell them how to drive. Soon computers will tell people how to drive. Even worse, some cars will do all the driving themselves.

2 The self-driving car is not a dream. It is here. Bits and pieces of it, at least. Many new cars use cameras and sensors to park themselves. Others have computers that can stop the car without the driver even touching the brakes. These computers try to stop accidents before they happen.

Cars "Talking" To Each Other

3 Next year, General Motors will put even stronger computers in some cars. These cars will have vehicle-to-vehicle technology, or V2V for short. V2V technology allows cars to "talk" to each other. The cars use electronic signals to talk just like people use phones to talk to other people. The cars tell each other where they are. The cars also say how fast they are going. They will use V2V technology to stop accidents from happening.

4 V2V could stop common accidents such as when a driver stops paying attention to the road. This driver might drive through a red light. Driving through a red light is one way accidents happen. With V2V, the driver would be saved by the car. The car would stop itself at the red light. The

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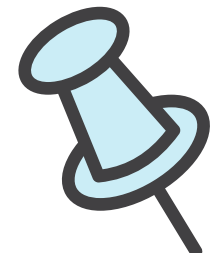
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 Student-Friendly Checklists

 Teacher Checklist and Rubric for Scoring

 Paired Passages about Self-Driving Cars

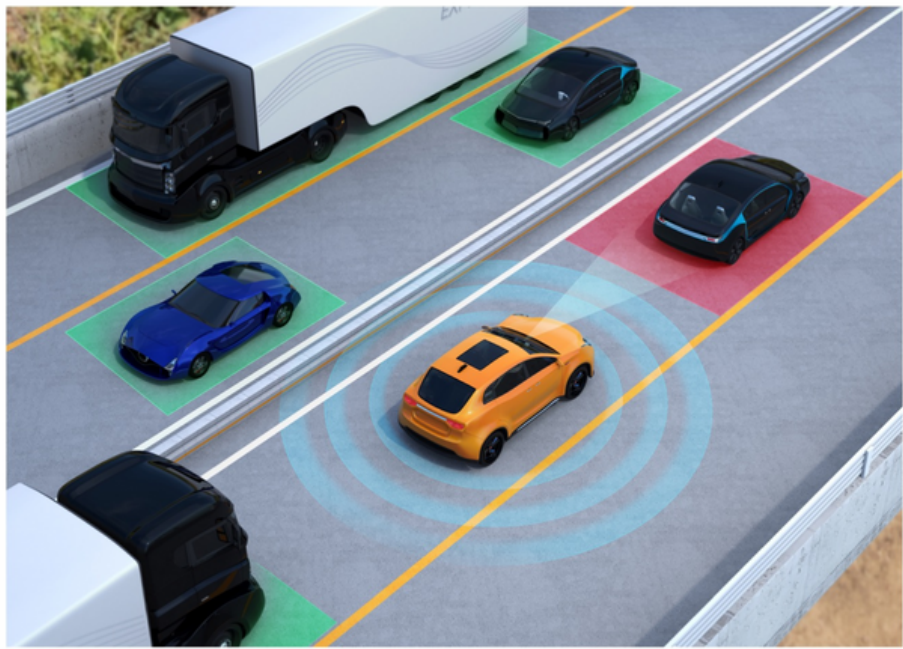
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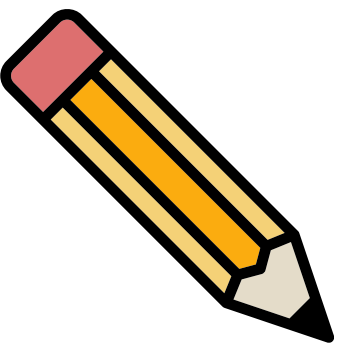


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	<p>The response is adequate and includes support or evidence that is related to the purpose of the task. It includes the use of evidence, facts, and details that are from all sources and generally connected to the topic. Elaboration of evidence is original writing but may be generalized.</p> <p>The response includes most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• evidence from the sources that may not be specific but is generally integrated into the response and includes some reference to the source,• adequate connections between points and evidence,• adequate elaboration on the evidence included, and• academic and domain-specific vocabulary that is generally appropriate for the audience and purpose.

Prompt Practice



Are self-driving cars helpful or harmful?



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4 Cameras and other sensors help the car "see" the world around it. Computers drive the car from one place to another. People do not drive at all. These cars will soon be ready for everyday use. Self-driving cars are safer than regular cars. They remove many of the human mistakes that cause accidents.

5 In some ways self-driving cars are already here. Some of the newest technology for car safety comes very close to self-driving. New technology can control a car's speed and keep it in its lane. Technology can also help park a car. We are close to a future of self-driving cars.

Topic: _____

CHECKLIST

I CAN...	STUDENT	TEACHER
Write a multi-paragraph (at least 3) essay.	Yes / No	Yes / No
Write an introduction .	Yes / No	Yes / No
Write my topic sentence clearly in the introduction . "Self-driving cars are going to be helpful because..."	Yes / No	Yes / No
Support my response with text evidence from both passages .	Yes / No	Yes / No
Explain more about the text evidence I chose in my own words .	Yes / No	Yes / No
Choose facts to use that are very important.	Yes / No	Yes / No
Use transition words to begin		
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**STANDARDIZED WRITING PRACTICE
OPINION WRITING
GRADE 3**

Prompt: Now that you've read the passages, write a multi-paragraph essay that does the following: **Give your opinion on whether you think self-driving cars are going to be helpful or harmful inventions.** Use both passages to help form your opinions as you write.

I believe self-driving cars are a fantastic invention. Self-driving cars are vehicles that can drive themselves without needing a person to steer or control them. In this essay, I will explain why I think self-driving cars are a great idea and can make our roads safer.

One reason I like self-driving cars is because they can help people who can't drive. Some people, like older adults or people with disabilities, might not be able to drive a car by themselves. Self-driving cars can help them go places they need to, like to the grocery store, to visit friends, or to go to the doctor. This can make life easier for people who can't drive because they won't have to rely on others to take them places.

Another reason I believe self-driving cars are a good idea is that they might help make our roads safer. Sometimes people make mistakes when they drive, like not paying attention or not following the rules. But self-driving cars are programmed to follow the rules and drive

