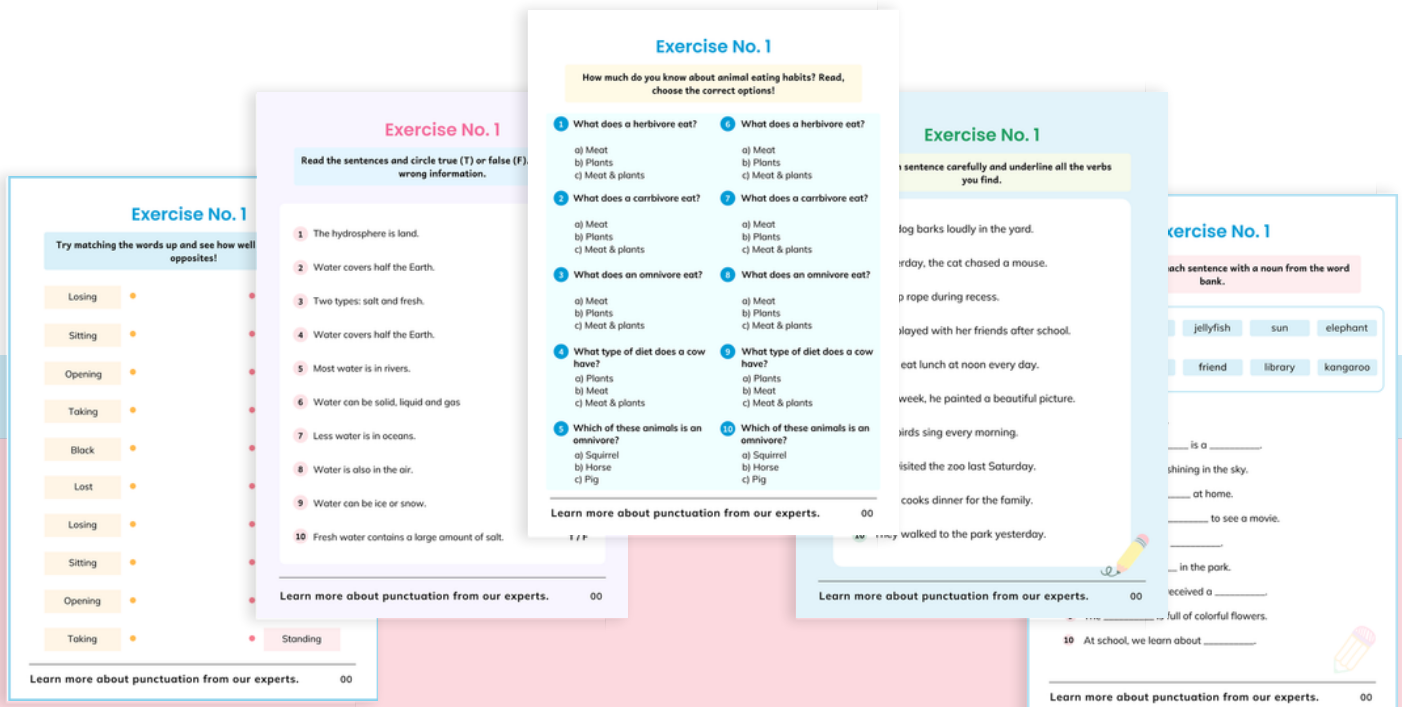




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Literature Skills – Critical Response to Texts

Engaging exercises to build strong grammar skills



The collage features five overlapping exercise cards:

- Exercise No. 1 (Left):** A matching exercise titled "Try matching the words up and see how well opposites!". It lists words like "Losing", "Sitting", "Opening", "Taking", "Black", "Lost", "Losing", "Sitting", "Opening", and "Taking" with corresponding dots.
- Exercise No. 1 (Middle-Left):** A true/false exercise titled "Read the sentences and circle true (T) or false (F), wrong information." with 10 numbered statements about Earth's hydrosphere, water, and air.
- Exercise No. 1 (Center):** A multiple-choice exercise titled "How much do you know about animal eating habits? Read, choose the correct options!". It contains 10 questions about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores.
- Exercise No. 1 (Middle-Right):** A punctuation exercise titled "Read each sentence carefully and underline all the verbs you find." with several sentences about a dog, a cat, and a boy.
- Exercise No. 1 (Right):** A word bank exercise titled "Match each sentence with a noun from the word bank." with a list of nouns (jellyfish, sun, elephant, friend, library, kangaroo) and several sentences with blank lines for matching.

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What's Inside

- ✓ Multiple Choice Question
- ✓ Match the Following
- ✓ True and False
- ✓ Sort the Words
- ✓ Short Answer Type

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Lessons from the Story

After reading a story about a young student overcoming difficulties, a reader wrote a personal reflection explaining how deeply the story affected her thoughts and feelings. She admired the main character's determination because he continued working hard even when many challenges stood in his way. The reader explained that the story taught her the importance of patience, confidence, and never giving up during difficult times. As she reflected on the events in the story, she connected the character's struggles to her own experiences at school when she felt discouraged by poor grades. She realized that success often requires effort, self-belief, and the courage to keep improving step by step. The reader also shared how the story inspired her to become more positive and focused in her daily life. Instead of simply retelling the plot, she included her personal opinions and explained why certain moments felt meaningful to her. Her response showed both understanding of the story's message and thoughtful reflection about how literature can connect to real-life experiences. By expressing her ideas clearly, she demonstrated how critical responses involve analyzing a text while also sharing personal interpretations and emotions.

Exercise No. 1

Choose the correct answer about personal responses to the text.

- 1** What does the reader write about?
 - a) the weather
 - b) thoughts on the story
 - c) a school timetable
- 2** Why does the reader connect the story to life?
 - a) to compare books
 - b) to share personal meaning
 - c) to describe pictures
- 3** What is part of a critical response?
 - a) book price
 - b) personal reflection
 - c) author address
- 4** What does the reader explain in the response?
 - a) how to cook
 - b) what was learned
 - c) how to travel
- 5** Why are personal opinions important in responses?
 - a) they show reflection
 - b) they increase length
 - c) they replace stories
- 6** What kind of thinking is used in reflection?
 - a) careful thinking
 - b) random guessing
 - c) copying words
- 7** What does the story encourage readers to do?
 - a) sleep early
 - b) connect ideas personally
 - c) draw cartoons
- 8** What is the purpose of a response text?
 - a) to share understanding
 - b) to list chapters
 - c) to sell books
- 9** Which word best describes the reader's response?
 - a) angry
 - b) reflective
 - c) confused
- 10** What helps make a response meaningful?
 - a) personal connection
 - b) book cover
 - c) page numbers

Exercise No. 2

Match each idea from the text with its correct example.

personal reflection



explaining what was learned



life connection



connecting story to life



critical response



giving ideas about text



understanding story



knowing the story clearly



learning lesson



lesson from the reading



reader opinion



view about the story



text meaning



main idea of the text



shared experience



similar event in life



thoughtful response



careful reaction to story



story message



message shared in the story



Exercise No. 3

Read each statement and decide if it is true or false.

- 1 A critical response includes personal thoughts. T / F
- 2 The reader writes only story facts. T / F
- 3 Personal reflection connects reading to life. T / F
- 4 The paragraph discusses science experiments. T / F
- 5 A response can explain lessons learned. T / F
- 6 The reader avoids sharing opinions. T / F
- 7 Critical responses show understanding of texts. T / F
- 8 The paragraph is about sports practice. T / F
- 9 Readers may connect stories to experiences. T / F
- 10 Reflection means copying every line exactly. T / F

Exercise No. 4

Sort the ideas into response or story detail groups.

personal opinion

lesson learned

story reflection

character name

life connection

thoughtful
response

book title

reader feelings

story setting

text
understanding

Response Ideas

Story Details

Exercise No. 5

Write short responses using ideas from the paragraph.

1 What lesson did the reader learn from the story?

2 How can a story connect to real life experiences?

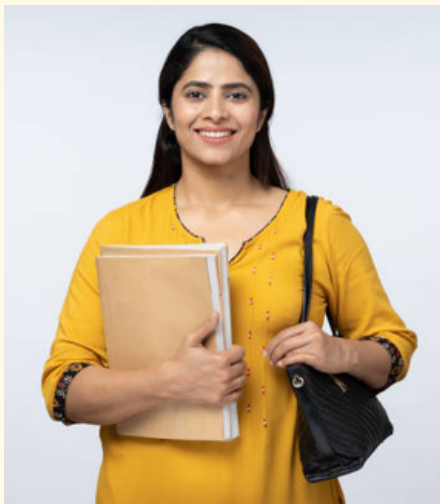
3 Why is personal reflection important in reading?

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