

Build Your Op-Ed: Cut & Paste Pre-Writing Activity

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Purpose: To provide **commentary, perspective, or argument** on a current issue.

Goal: Choose one sentence from each step below. Cut out your selections and glue them on the “Build Your Opinion Organizer” page to create a strong practice for your future final project.

Step 1: Issue Identification

Cut out one sentence that clearly states the main problem.

Climate change is making outdoor jobs more dangerous.

Delivery workers are exposed to extreme heat every day.

Many workers don't have access to water, shade, or breaks.

Step 2: Personal Story

Cut one sentence that adds a real-life connection or story.

I saw a delivery worker sweating and struggling.

My cousin delivers food and got sick from the heat.

A worker I met said he had no choice but to keep working.

Step 3: Evidence

Cut one sentence that gives a fact or proof.

“Heat waves are becoming more frequent and intense.”

“Delivery workers are at high risk for heat-related illness.”

In 2022, over half of surveyed workers said they felt unsafe in the heat.

Step 4: Solutions

Cut one sentence that offers a clear solution or idea for change.

Cities should require water breaks and cooling stations.

Companies should give workers protective gear and flexible hours.

Communities can support workers by tipping more and offering water.

Step 5: Conclusion

Cut one sentence that wraps up your op-ed with impact.

Climate change affects real people, not just the planet.

We need to take action to protect workers now.

I hope readers will care and help make change happen.

Directions: Glue one sentence from each step in the matching box. Then write your own connecting thought at the end.

Reflection: Write one extra sentence to connect your ideas or add your own voice:

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