

Lesson 4 Opinions and Linking Words

Persuasive writers join opinions, reasons, and facts using linking words and phrases like the ones below.

also

although

and

because

but

for example

however

if

most importantly

next

since

so

then

therefore

unless

unlike

Maria wrote this opinion to try to persuade her school to recycle plastic. Circle the linking words in Maria's writing that join her opinions with facts. Maria also made sure her writing had a good ending, or conclusion. Underline Maria's conclusion.

Did you know that the average elementary school throws away 18,000 pounds of plastic every year? Since this plastic is not recycled, it is dumped in landfills or the ocean. This is bad for the many animals that live nearby. For example, sometimes birds and fish eat the plastic, which causes them to die. Did you know that Hansen Elementary School does not recycle plastic? This means our trash is going into landfills and being dumped in the ocean. Therefore, I think that our elementary school should recycle plastic because I do not want to endanger any animals. I hope you will also think this is important and write a letter to Principal Mallin asking her to recycle.