



LESSON 1: My House and School During Quarantine

1. **Tell the storyline:** You're going to tell your opinion about doing school at home and describe your house during quarantine. Think about these questions:

What do I see, hear, smell, taste and feel around me?

2. **Brainstorm** what you see, hear, smell, taste and feel. Here are some ideas!

<u>See</u>	<u>Hear</u>	<u>Smell</u>	<u>Taste</u>	<u>Feel</u>
Dog	Dog barking	Coffee	Cereal	Comfortable
Brother	Water boiling	Eggs	Cookies	Crowded
Sister	Cat purring	Cat's litter box	Orange juice	Cat scratching
Mom/dad	The computer	Cookies	Ice	Sleepy
Backyard	Dad talking	Fresh air		Excited
Birds	News			

3. **Show the 5 Sections:**

1. Introduction/Opinion
2. See/Hear
3. Smell/Taste
4. Feel
5. Conclusion

Remember: K-1st Graders are encouraged to write at least 1 sentence for each section, 2nd Graders 2 sentences, 3rd Graders 3 sentences and so on.

4. **Now to Write!**

Write your general thoughts about school at home.

Describe the things that you see and hear.

Describe the things that you smell and taste.

Describe the things that you feel on your skin and in your heart

Write your thoughts for the future.

NOTE: The following page has 2 examples, what a kindergartner might write and what a 5th Grader might write.

A Kindergartner might write:

I like my house.

I see my dog. He's loud.

I smell cookies.

My cat sits on my lap.

School at home is fun!

A 5th Grader might write:

Who would have ever thought that my mom, dad, brother and I would all be stuck at home for 2 to 3 months?! That means my parents work at home while my brother and I do school at home. This is crazy! My house is a schoolhouse. I have to admit, I love it!

First of all, I get to see my dog and cat while I do school. My cat lays next to my feet and purrs. My dog sits by the back door watching for birds. He chews on his big bone too. Sometimes he slobbers on the carpet. That's gross.

Second of all, I get to smell my mom and dad's coffee brewing. I don't like the taste of coffee at all, but I love the smell! Every now and then, my mom bakes a fresh batch of homemade chocolate chip cookies. The smell distracts me. My mom says I can't eat any until I finish all my work. I work fast and the cookies taste so good.

Having school at home is surprisingly fun. I like it. I don't think I want to do this forever, though. I miss my friends. I miss my art class. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!