

I want _____ because _____:

Improving the Sentence Frame Scaffold

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Stem vs Frame:

Stems: open-ended; usually give the first part of a sentence

- I think...
- In my opinion...
- My favorite part was ...

Frames: closed/structured; may include multiple blanks and/or have academic vocabulary

- I think _____ because _____.
- The character felt _____ because they had to _____.
- If we _____, then _____.

Observation Charts—Sentence Stems

Based on the photo on the slide—complete these stems:

I think _____

I notice _____

I wonder _____

