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**Informative/Explanatory**

**Grade 1**

**Range of Writing**

how do cheetah run fast?

**Names a topic**

Cheetahs run fast because they have a strong body. They use their feet to run 70 mph. Their tail helps them bales.

**Supplies some facts about the topic**

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**Provides some sense of closure**

In this first-grade informative/explanatory piece, the writer establishes and maintains a clear focus on how cheetahs run fast and supplies some facts to answer the question posed in the title. Although the piece is short, the thinking expressed is quite sophisticated for a first grader. The writer has chosen to explain why the cheetah runs fast (strong body, good feet, a tail for balance) rather than just list loosely related information about the animal. The piece provides a sense of closure by adding a bit of reflection about why it might be important for a cheetah to run fast *(“If cheetahs do not run fast then they will be eaten.”)*.

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**Revised and Edited for Student Use**

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