

English I Writing Expository Prompt

Read the following.

Caring about people, about things, and
about life is considered an act
of maturity.

In today's world, it's easy to forget about caring for others and even yourself.

Write an essay explaining whether people should be more concerned about others than about themselves.

Be sure to –

- clearly state your thesis
- organize and develop your ideas effectively
- choose your words carefully
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

Expository Planning Organizer
Sample for Guided Writing

Thesis statement: When a person takes the time to care for others, they give of themselves which is a rewarding aspect of life.

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Caring for siblings	Sometimes students help their parents
	Siblings are a big responsibility
	Caring for them
	Makes you closer to your siblings
	Reward in caring for your brothers and sisters
Second Main Idea	
Caring for friends	Every friend needs help sometime
	Be a good friend
	Listen and spend time
	Become better friends

Concluding Statements: Life is about people. Caring for those closest to you is like a gift you give to yourself.

I. Introduction

Thesis – When a person takes the time to care for others, they give of themselves which is a rewarding aspect of life.

II. Body

MI – Caring for siblings

- Sometimes students help their parents
- Siblings are a big responsibility
- Caring for them
- Makes you closer to your siblings
- Reward in caring for your brothers and sisters

MI – Reward in caring for your brothers and sisters

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- Every friend needs help sometime
- Listen and spend time
- Become better friends

III. Closing

Thesis and PT – Life is about people. Caring for those closest to you is like a gift you give to yourself.

Collaborative Interactive Writing Activity

Teacher directions - cut apart each part of the writing plan.

- Provide each group a part of the essay.
- Draft each paragraph using the plan provided.



Add a meaningful hook or lead to grab your reader's attention. Use this thesis or develop one with a similar idea.

I. Introduction

Thesis - When a person takes the time to care for others, they give of themselves which is a rewarding aspect of life.

Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

II. Body

MI - Caring for siblings

- Sometimes students help their parents
- Siblings are a big responsibility
- Caring for them
- Makes you closer to your siblings
- Reward in caring for your brothers and sisters

Write a topic sentence with the MI. Then add sentences with the supporting details.

MI - Reward in caring for your brothers and sisters

- Every friend needs help sometime
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Use the restated thesis or develop one with fresh new words. Use the parting thought or develop a new one to leave your audience with a thoughtful closing.

III. Closing

Thesis and PT - Life is about people. Caring for those closest to you is like a gift you give to yourself.

Planning Guide

Expository

I. Introductory paragraph

- A. Topic included in the thesis statement
- B. Main ideas of the composition

II. Body paragraphs

- A. Main idea stated in a topic sentence*
- B. Supporting detail**
 - 1. Examples
 - 2. Cause and effect
 - 3. Personal experiences

III. Concluding paragraph

- A. Thesis statement
- B. Main ideas of the composition
- C. General parting thought

* No set number of ideas or details

** Other elaboration methods may be equally effective.

Planning Organizer

Expository

Thesis statement

Main Ideas of the Thesis	
First Main Idea	Supporting Details
Second Main Idea	Supporting Details
Third Main Idea	Supporting Details

Concluding Statement

Revision Checklist Expository

Introductory Paragraph				Concluding Paragraph
Topic ____	Main Ideas			Topic ____
Thesis ____	1 st Idea ____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	2 nd Idea____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	3 rd Idea____ E____ CE____ PE____ Other____	Thesis ____
Main Ideas 1. ____				Main Ideas ____
2.____				Parting Thought ____
3.____				

Sentence Variations

Compound Sentence with correct comma usage before the FANBOYS _____

Complex Sentences with correct comma, based on subordinate conjunction placement

BONUS! Compound Complex Sentences with correct comma usage _____

Detail Sentence Leads – Author’s Craft: Place checkmarks next to the detail leads.

Details that Describe	Action Details	Persuasive Details	Details that Inform	Dialogue Details
State the obvious	Act and think	If...then	State the opposite	“Dialogue” with tags
Just like that	But, why???	Take the opposite side	What’s Next?	Instead of <i>said</i>
Action, action, action clues	Numbers date/time/value	Good insightful question(s)	High Interest – what’s next	Talking and thinking
In the middle	Location transition	Imagine this...	Positive sweet with a negative sour	Action and words
Zoom in & describe	Adverb comma	It’s complicated and complex	For the first time ever..	Tell me about it
Intentional repetition	<i>ings</i> phrases present participles	Now...Then	Define it	
Pop culture	Eds phrases	We... statements of unity	AKA – proper nouns	
Personification people characteristics	Onomatopoeia (sound)	Call to action	In other words (restatement)	
Set the stage		Hyperbole exaggerate!	Important or significant	
I, we, they think			Love, love, love	
			Historical reference	