

Instructions for U5W5 Writing, opinion

The first sentence of the prompt will be everyone's first sentence: Rules are important.

Fill out the topic lines with ideas of important rules for home, school, or the community. Students need to choose an idea that they can give 3 reasons for following. If they can't come up with 3 reasons, pick a different rule. Some examples of rules are below.

Home: rules about-

Bedtime

Chores (who does them, when, how often)

Caring for pets (who does each job, when, how often)

Speaking (waiting to speak, kind words, not interrupting)

TV (how long, what kind of shows, when-after chores/homework)

Safety (no riding bike in the street, only leave with parent permission)

School: rules about-

Playground equipment (how to use safely)

Running (where allowed)

Bus(where to sit, how to ride)

Lunch room(eating quietly, cleaning up after yourself)

Talking (raising hand, appropriate time, kind words)

Where to be (not on sidewalks, not behind school or sheds)

Community: rules about-

Speed limits

Bike helmet

Litter

Park use (not after dark, only kids a certain age)

Pets (must be on leash, pick up poop)

Once a rule is chosen, they need to write at least 3 reasons that rule is important to follow. Most rules are for one of the following reasons:

Keeping people safe

Showing respect

Keeping people healthy

Keeping areas or people clean

Keeping people happy

Once the 3 reasons are chosen, then put one reason in each box, and choose a sentence starter for that reason.

A completed brainstorm chart is below.

Day 2

Topic (red):

The most important rule is
cleaning at home .

Linking words: Details: (blue)

people can trip and get hurt
because so
and also

Reason #1 (orange):

To begin with,
First and foremost,
The main reason

respect my things

Reason #2 (yellow)

Another reason
My next reason
My second reason

keeps everyone
healthy

Reason #3 (green)

Last, but not least,
My final reason

keeps everyone safe

Conclusion (purple):

Therefore,

As you can see from my reasons,

cleaning at home is the most important rule.

Here is an example of the final draft. It is underlines in the color of the sentence, this is not required. There are 2 red sentences (that's not normal) so be sure to write both. Also, the blue sentence is a detail added to give more information or reasoning. It is NOT required and can give more information about ANY reason (orange, yellow, or green).

Rules are important. The most important rule is cleaning up at home. To begin with, cleaning up at home is important because it shows respect for my things. Another reason cleaning up at home is important is because it keeps people healthy. My final reason cleaning up at home is important is because it keeps people safe. If I don't clean up, someone could trip and get hurt. Therefore, cleaning up at home is the most important rule.

Please take a picture of your plan and your final draft, and send it on Dojo or by email to Mrs. Cobabe.