

Paragraph Models

Directions: The following paragraphs are each missing an important TBSIR sentence. Talk about the paragraph with your partner and decide which sentence is missing. On the lines below the paragraph, write a sentence to take the place of the missing sentence.

TBSIR Paragraph 1

Behind the Scenes in a Restaurant

A restaurant kitchen can be a very hectic place. While they are busy preparing and cooking the food, chefs shout at the staff. For example, you often hear someone shouting “Order up!” meaning that food is ready. There is also a constant movement of staff to and from the kitchen. Servers hustle in and out of the kitchen at a tremendous pace to hurry the food to the hungry customers. When the customers finish eating, bussers rush the empty plates back into the kitchen and carelessly drop them into the huge sinks. Maintaining this constant flow of traffic in the kitchen is a complicated juggling act. As you can see, the action in a restaurant kitchen never stops. (118 words)

TBSIR Paragraph 2

Cooperative Learning

Several studies show that Cooperative Learning has many positive results. These studies are from universities around the world and in many subjects. Results show that Cooperative Learning increases student motivation to learn. Working with a friend can be fun and create positive associations with learning. Moreover, it helps students complete a task and encourages a positive attitude toward the subject. If a student is feeling good about working with a partner that positive feeling carries over to the work he or she has to do have to do. Cooperative Learning also improves relationships between students and gives students better feelings about themselves. Working with others gives a student more opportunities to build social skills and with better social skills comes more confidence. Overall, students get higher scores on tests and are better critical thinkers. (134 words)

TBSIR Paragraph 3

Successful People

Successful people share three common qualities that allow them to stand out. First, people who are successful are organized. They don't waste time, and they work in ways that maximize their efficiency. Second, they are focused and single-minded. They can see where they want to go and only do things that will get them there. For example, when they are working on something, they don't get lost in the details or overwhelmed by the tasks they need to do. Finally, people who are successful must be able to set and accomplish goals. Knowing what they want helps them to stay both organized and focused. Not many people succeed without these qualities, but these behaviors can be learned and improved.

(119 words)

Answer Key

Behind the Scenes in a Restaurant

1. A restaurant kitchen can be a very hectic place. Specifically, it is noisy and full of quickly-moving people. While they are busy preparing and cooking the food, chefs shout at the staff. For example, you often hear someone shouting “Order up!” meaning that food is ready. There is also a constant movement of staff to and from the kitchen. Servers hustle in and out of the kitchen at a tremendous pace to hurry the food to the hungry customers. When the customers finish eating, bussers rush the empty plates back into the kitchen and carelessly drop them into the huge sinks. Maintaining this constant flow of traffic in the kitchen is a complicated juggling act. As you can see, the action in a restaurant kitchen never stops. (127 words, adapted from *Great Writing 3*)

Cooperative Learning

2. Several studies show that Cooperative Learning has many positive results. These studies are from universities around the world and in many subjects. Results show that Cooperative Learning increases student motivation to learn. Working with a friend can be fun and create positive associations with learning. Moreover, it helps students complete a task and encourages a positive attitude toward the subject. If a student is feeling good about working with a partner that positive feeling carries over to the work he or she has to do have to do. Cooperative Learning also improves relationships between students and gives students better feelings about themselves. Working with others gives a student more opportunities to build social skills and with better social skills comes more confidence. Overall, students get higher scores on tests and are better critical thinkers. Therefore, cooperative Learning is not a waste of time. On the contrary, it has many advantages. (75 words, adapted from *Mosaic 1: Writing*)

3.

Successful People

Successful people share three common qualities that allow them to stand out. These qualities are not necessarily innate; they can be acquired with effort. First, people who are successful are organized. They don't waste time, and they work in ways that maximize their efficiency. Second, they are focused and single-minded. They can see where they want to go and only do things that will get them there. For example, when they are working on something, they don't get lost in the details or overwhelmed by the tasks they need to do. Finally, people who are successful must be able to set and accomplish goals. Knowing what they want helps them to stay both organized and focused. Success requires the self-discipline to control your habits. Not many people succeed without these qualities, but these behaviors can be learned and improved. (139 words, adapted from *Q4 p. 20*)