

UEC 3 Composition 2 HW11 Worksheet 1

Topic: *What is a mistake or blunder that you have made? What happened? What did you learn from this mistake? Explain.*

Prep What is a mistake that you have made.

Step 1 List one thing you learned from your mistake.

Step 1A Rewrite the same idea from Step 1 using different words.

Step 2 List another thing you learned from your mistake.

Step 2A Rewrite the same idea from Step 2 using different words.

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Judging someone before I really knew him.

Step 1 List one thing you learned from your mistake.

I learned that I should give people the benefit of the doubt.

Step 1A Rewrite the same idea from Step 1 using different words.

I should meet people with an open mind.

Step 2 List another thing you learned from your mistake.

Good friends can come from unexpected places.

Step 2A Rewrite the same idea from Step 2 using different words.

People from different backgrounds can become friends.

Step 3 Combine the main ideas from Steps 1/1A and Steps 2/2A into **ONE** sentence. Do not copy!

Step 3A Rewrite the same idea from Step 3 using different words. Do not copy!

Step 4 Choose the better sentence from Steps 1/1A.

Step 4A Choose the better sentence from Steps 2/2A.

Step 3 Combine the main ideas from Steps 1/1A and Steps 2/2A into **ONE** sentence. Do not copy!

Prejudging my new college roommate was a mistake that taught me if I am willing to keep an open mind, good friends could come from unexpected places.

Step 3A Rewrite the same idea from Step 3 using different words. Do not copy!

Giving someone the benefit of the doubt, instead of making judgments about them before I really know them, could help me to develop long lasting friendships.

Step 4 Choose the better sentence from Steps 1/1A.

I learned that I should give people the benefit of the doubt.

Step 4A Choose the better sentence from Steps 2/2A.

Good friends might come from unexpected places.

Which of the following opening sentences from previous student submissions would make a good opening sentence in the INTRODUCTION for this essay?

1. Everybody makes mistakes.
2. Cars have a lot of merits.
3. Many people make mistakes when they are working.
4. Being an adult means to assume full responsibility for your own actions.
5. I have talked with many people during my life.
6. I made a mistake recently.
7. I was very busy a few weeks ago.
8. I am in the habit of taking a walk near my house on Sunday mornings.
9. The number of people who had a traffic accident has been increasing recently.
10. Everyone has their own way of thinking, sense of value, and criterion for judgment.

Which of the following closing sentences from previous student submissions would make a good closing sentence in the CONCLUSION for this essay?

1. It is not the mistakes that people make that are in important, but rather it is what they learn from those mistakes.
2. I want to put this experience to good account when I drive, and I will be able to drive safely as a driver.
3. After making mistakes, people have to learn from them.
4. Taking responsibility for ones mistakes is a major step towards becoming an adult.
5. Most people are apprehensive of making mistakes concerning human relations, so people must begin talking with their friends cheerfully.
6. I must not forget the two things I learned from breaking a public table.
7. If I make a mistake, I will never make the same mistake.
8. I will enjoy walking around a city only after I am accustomed to the geography of the city.
9. Accidents recur from a lack of care, so people need to follow the rules.
10. Indeed, a lack of judgment for one person could be a boon for another.