

Using the Occasion/Position Method

Choose a topic sentence to start your paragraph. Change any part of the sentence to make it better or to suit your topic. You might also want to try writing one of your own.

feelings • frustrations • fears • plans • ideas • hope • confidence
determination • patience • anger • happiness • success

1. Even though I sometimes argue or fight with _____, I still consider him/her my friend.
2. When I'm having a bad day, almost everyone notices because there are three things I usually do.
3. When I feel like life is very hard for me, I remember that my friends are also dealing with some pretty serious problems.
4. After I got into trouble _____, I realized I could have prevented the problem.
5. Since succeeding in high school is important to me, I have mastered several useful study skills in middle school to help me prepare for high school.
6. Whenever relatives come to visit, they ask me to tell the story about the time _____.

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