

Monday, March 23, 2020

Learning Target:

I can use the MARK strategy to improve my written expression by writing a paragraph using the RACES strategy.

Assignment:

Mrs. Ogle's passion

Describe your passion using the RACES Strategy.

Check your sentences by using the MARK strategy.

Introduction: What's your passion?

Think about something you really enjoy doing. We all enjoy doing something. Think about something that makes you happy. It could be skateboarding, swimming, shopping, writing stories or playing video games.

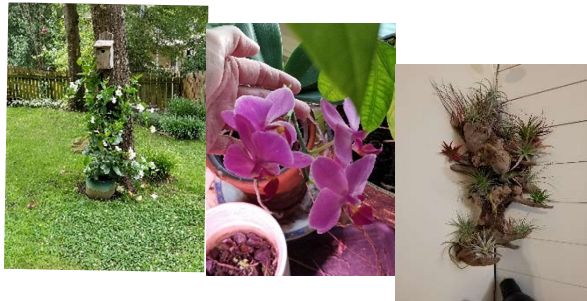
Prompt:

Today, you will be writing a paragraph about your passion. Something you enjoy doing. Use the RACES strategy to write your paragraph.

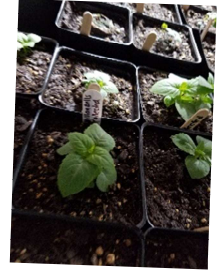
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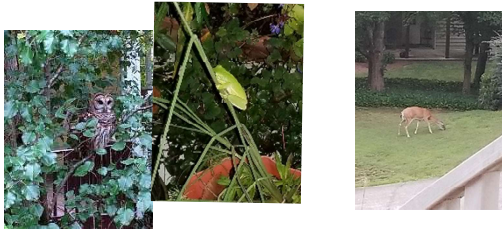
My passion is gardening. I love having indoor and outdoor plants. I have plants in my family room, bathroom and even in my dining room! My mom says that I live in a jungle because I have so many plants. I spend many hours outside working in my yard.



Because gardening can be an expensive hobby, I grow many of my plants from seeds or bulbs. Last year I planted over 300 plants and bulbs in my yard and in pots. Many of the plants I grow from seed are perennials. Perennials are plants that come back every year. I also grow annuals. Annuals are plants that usually only survive for one season and need to be replaced the next year.



Not only are plants fun to watch grow, but bees, butterflies and other animals enjoy the flowers. I get lots of visitors to my garden. Luckily, my husband enjoys gardening as well.



Wow! That was a bunch of writing about my passion! So, how do I take all that information and put it into a RACES strategy paragraph?

Remember the RACES strategy stands for

Restate the prompt

Answer the prompt

Cite evidence

Explain your evidence

Summarize your paragraph

Since the prompt is to write about your passion, I'll show you how I wrote my paragraph, so you have something to look at.

My passion is gardening. I like it because it's fun to see things grow, and I think flowers are beautiful. Because it's expensive, I grow a lot of my outside plants from seeds and bulbs. Another reason I like it is because I get a lot of visitors to my garden like deer, rabbits and owls. Because gardening is my passion, I spend a lot of time in my yard.

I took all that information about my passion and summarized it into one paragraph.

Now it's your turn. Write a paragraph telling me about your passion.

Here's one way you can write your paragraph. You may choose to write more than one paragraph. Just remember to start with a topic sentence and use detail sentences to support it.

My passion is \_\_\_\_\_.(what do you like to do?) I like it because  
\_\_\_\_\_.(Tell me why you like it) Because it's  
\_\_\_\_\_.(Tell me something negative about your hobby  
and what you do to make it better. For example- Maybe it's dangerous, so you wear a helmet.) Another reason I like it  
is because \_\_\_\_\_. (Tell me another reason you like it. Maybe you like  
to do it with a friend or your mom) Because \_\_\_\_\_ is my passion, I spend  
a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_. (Do you spend your time at the  
skate park? On the couch? At your friend's house?)

**\*\*Don't forget to use the MARK strategy to check your sentences. \*\***

Does it have a subject and a verb?

Does it start with a capital letter?

Does it end with a punctuation mark?

Does it make sense?

Closing:

Share your paragraph with me in Office365 (Ann Jacobs) or by email. I look forward to reading about your passion.