

SMARTHINKING's E-structor Response Form

(Your marked-up essay is below this form.)

HOW THIS WORKS: Your e-structor has written overview comments about your essay in the form below. Your e-structor has also embedded comments [in bold and in brackets] throughout your essay. Thank you for choosing SMARTHINKING's OWL; best wishes with revising your paper!

*Strengths of the essay:

Hi Elaine, and welcome back to Smarthinking. I'm Laraine U, your e-structor today.

I like the organization of your response. You have a good introduction ending in a thesis, a solid body paragraph that supports your thesis, and a concluding paragraph that begins with a restatement of the thesis. A clear organizational strategy makes your response easy to follow. Good job!

Introduction/Conclusion:

While a reader response is certainly not the same thing as a full essay, the introduction should still be more than one sentence.

Think of the introduction as a funnel. You start out with a general statement about the topic, the welfare of children. This introduces the topic to the reader.

Ordinarily you'd write another two or three sentences before you get to the thesis. In this case, maybe only one more would be sufficient.

Add another sentence or two before your thesis. Which Children and Family Services are you talking about? What is it supposed to do? How did the conversation about it get started? Why is it important to think about?

Answering some of the above questions will help you give your readers the background they need to understand your essay.

Think of your conclusion as the funnel reversed. You're going from the particular issue you've discussed towards the more general meaning of it all. Think about where those in charge of the Children and Family Services should go from here? What needs to happen to prevent future occurrences of the type you've discussed?

*Elaine Yoo 2627940 has requested that you respond to the Grammar & Mechanics:

In your ESL classes I'm sure you've studied prepositional phrases. They start with a preposition and end with a noun or nouns. For example, I went to the grocery store. The prepositional phrase is "to the grocery store." "To" is the preposition, and "store" is the noun that ends the phrase.

Here's part of one of your sentences:

...apparently one of our most critical institutions which is in charge of care and protect our children is been managed for people that really don't have the minimum sensitiveness about them.

One of your preposition phrases is "of care and protect our children." You need to use the noun forms of "care" and "protect" because that's how we end prepositional phrases. How about "of caring for and protecting our children"? That "ing" form can be a noun.

Do you have other prepositional phrases that need to be revised?

***Elaine Yoo 2627940 has requested that you respond to the Word Choice:**

I know that learning English is very difficult. You're doing great so far, but there are lots of language errors in your paper, as I'm sure you are aware. I'll try to explain one of the main ones to you, but the most important thing you can do is read English and use English as often as possible. The more you see it and the more you speak and write it, the more natural it will sound to you and the easier it will be for the words to come to you in the right form and in the right order.

Here's part of one of your sentences"

Accordingly with Mrs. Andrea Fleary, which is the name of the ex-official...

"Accordingly with" is not proper English. If you want to mention something that has been attributed to another person, then say, "According to..." For example, "According to Elaine Yoo, the department is doing a poor job."

Reading your paper out loud will help you find and correct some of your errors. It's always a good idea! Having a friend read over the essay with you can also be helpful.

Summary of Next Steps:

Elaine, here is a list of the actions you need to take to improve this draft.

- Revise your introduction and conclusion.
- Proofread carefully for word choice.
- Proofread carefully for proper use of prepositions.

I believe you'll find these revisions well worth the effort. Thanks for using Smarthinking, Elaine. If you need more help with this or future papers, please visit us again. We are always happy to help. Good luck to you.

Laraine U.

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Please look for more comments in your essay below. Thank you for visiting SMARTHINKING. We encourage you to submit future essays.

Elaine Yoo

Barahona's case

In the last days the department of children and families have been in everyone's mouth, and not precisely for its well performance; it is because apparently one of our most critical institutions which is in charge of care and protect our children is been managed for people that really don't have the minimum sensitiveness about them.

The most recent update of Barahona's case, is that the DCF official who was fire for her absolutely lack competency in the case, is now suing the department for supposedly being fire without enough merits.

Accordingly with Mrs. Andrea Fleary, which is the name of the ex-official, she has been the DCF escape goat in front of the public opinion. **[Do you mean "scapegoat"? When we hear words like that, sometimes it's hard to understand exactly which letters we're hearing. A scapegoat is someone who takes the blame when it's not really her fault. There's no such thing as an "escape goat."]** She claim has any fault in Barahona's

children death; However, when we read the informs of the department, gets absolutely clear that her behavior was beyond of be just neglecting, it was criminal too because although she knows that children life were on imminent risk, she skimpily preferred to take a weekend off which in blank means a complicity by omission.

Barahona's case is an alarm of what is happening inside of DCF department; apparently no body is following the protocols, and even worst no one is in charge of make them comply.[**You can say “no one is in charge of making them comply” or “no one is in charge to make them comply,” but not “no one is in charge of make...” Which is your choice?**] Beyond of the failures that DCF could made on Barahona's case, what is really concerning is to think in who are the people taking care of our families because apparently the personal hired for this labor, is people that absolutely has any sensitiveness about children that are there only pursuing the government benefits; perhaps there would be good to verify what are the correct parameters to hire personal in this critical position. [**It's good that you end with questioning the criteria for hiring people to oversee children's welfare. That's a good way to look at the importance of your topic.**]