

Sample Answers

Assignment: Speak, Fido!: Single-Paragraph Response

Collection: Differentiated Content: Information: Middle School

Use the following answers as a reference while guiding students and grading student work. Keep in mind that answers will vary and this is just one way to correctly complete the assignment.

Plan Your Informative Paragraph

Step 1. Read the article carefully. Highlight important details in **YELLOW**.

| Review the Reading & Prompt |
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| <p>What is the main idea of the reading?</p> <p>New high-tech vests are being developed to help service dogs save their owners in medical emergencies.</p> |
| <p>What is the prompt asking you to do?</p> <p>This assignment asks me to write an Informative Paragraph about the topic of the article.</p> |

Step 2. Use quotes and your own words to complete the Planner. Consider your **YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS**.

| Introductory Sentences |
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| <p>Hook: Grab your readers' attention.</p> <p>One amazing fact about working dogs is that they can be trained to use technology to communicate with humans.</p> |
| <p>Topic Sentence: State your main idea and tell what you plan to write about.</p> <p>The article tells about FIDO, a new technology that lets working dogs get help when their owners are having medical emergencies.</p> |

Body Sentences: List quotes and details to support your main idea.

| Text Evidence: What the Article Says | Text Analysis: What This Quote Tells Me |
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| One quote that gives a key detail is "Dogs can be trained to do many tasks. For example, epilepsy alert dogs fetch help if their owner has a seizure." | The quote tells me that we can train dogs to help people with medical problems. |
| Another quote that gives a key detail is, "FIDO researchers designed a vest with a tiny computer built in. It can call 911 or play an audio recording, among other things." | This quote tells me service dogs can use high-tech vests to call 911 or play a recording to get help in a medical emergency. |
| "There was a touch sensor. It's similar to the touch screen on a smartphone. A dog taps it with its nose. Another had a rope for the dog to tug with its mouth. There was also a proximity sensor. A dog activates it with a movement of its snout. Another sensor is activated when a dog bites down on it". | Dogs can activate the vest by tapping with their nose, tugging a rope with their mouth, moving their snout, or biting down on it. |

Concluding Sentence

Restate your main idea using different words.

In conclusion, the FIDO project is working on an exciting new high-tech vest that will help service dogs save people during medical emergencies.

Step 3. Click 'Check & Submit.' Then draft your Informative Paragraph.

Use your Planner to write your Informative Paragraph.

Speak, Fido!

One amazing fact about working dogs is that they can be trained to use technology to communicate with humans. The article "Speak, Fido!" tells about the FIDO Project, a new technology that allows working dogs to get help when their owners are having medical emergencies. When using the new technology, working dogs can help people by fetching help if their owner has a seizure. Using FIDO, working dogs can also wear a special vest that allows them to call 911 or play an audio message asking for help. Also, the dogs can be trained to activate the high-tech vest by using their nose or mouth. In conclusion, the FIDO project is working on an exciting new high-tech vest that will help service dogs save people during medical emergencies.