

Problem-Solution Essay

Writing Workshop

Revising, Editing, and Proofreading

Revising

TARGET SKILL ► Effective Conclusions

When revising your problem-solution essay, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my conclusion strong, logical, and effective?
- Have I clearly stated the problem and explained its significance?
- Are there places where I could support ideas by providing facts, examples, or statistics?
- Have I used logical arguments to persuade the audience?

Editing and Proofreading

TARGET SKILL ► Avoiding Awkward Shifts in Verb Tense

Refer to the bulleted list below to edit this paragraph from a student's first draft of a problem-solution essay on closed schools. Use proofreading marks to correct errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling. Copy your corrected draft on a separate sheet of paper.

- Correct verb forms and tenses so that they are consistent.
- Correct run-on sentences.
- Use parallel constructions for similar ideas.
- Use transition words to combine shorter sentences.

Draft

A closed school is a good thing. Students forget the outside world. During the school day the school is our whole world. Grades are important, classes should be important to us. With a closed school, the importance of our education became our soul purpose for attending classes. We will forget about the appeal of fast food and goofing off remembering why it is we're here in the first place. A closed school is where students foccus on learning.

Applying

Now edit and proofread your own problem-solution essay. Refer to the bulleted list above.