
Student 4 - Writing Sample 4

From Student 4 -

Dear Instructor:

Can I have your feedback? My draft have 4 pages, but it needs to be 6 pages. It is hard to use vocabulary to express ideas so I quote too much. Maybe your feedback will help me expand more ideas? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Student 4

From Instructor -

Dear Student 4:

You have a lot of information here. You have done a good job with research but you are trying to put in EVERYTHING you read about. Some of it does not fit your topic. Did you do an outline first? You can never include ALL the information about deafness. You have to decide what you want to include and then ORGANIZE it....you do not have good topic sentences and transitions (remember them). That will add to you length. Also you wander off the "cause and effect" and get into solutions for the problem. That's a whole other paper.

Part of your problem is that there is a LOT of research out there. I should have had you go to NTID's research department's home page. You can find it from RIT's home page: Go to NTID and then look for "research". They have lots of articles on line. You need some by "XXX" ..she's done a lot about employment problems.

First, what is the goal of your paper? It could be that YOU as a hearing-impaired person are interested in learning more about deafness. It's OK to state that as your purpose in reading and writing about deafness. Then as you learn some facts, you could relate some of that to yourself.

Causes of deafness can be separated by TYPES (conductive, sensory neural, central) but that is very scientific and you probably don't understand it. You can talk this over with Sid or me). You do mention causes under those categories so it works...just do it in a more organized fashion. (transitions like "another type of hearing loss is sensorineural. There are many causes such as...") You might just mention the types and then discuss more the CAUSES. (causes are different than types). Possibly organize your causes into these categories: (then just give an example of it - you cannot address ALL the causes thoroughly).

- I. Problems in pregnancy (this is where you put things like rubella, etc.)
- it causes deafness in the unborn baby
- II. Illnesses in childhood or later (think about Bill -)
- III. Genetic
- IV. Environmental causes - (example: loud music, taking certain medicines, etc.)

Also you are confusing the noun: deafness with the adjective deaf.

People are deaf...you are studying deafness.

I'll try to put in some more suggestions.