

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

## **One Thing Important**

### **Writing Situation:**

Everyone has experienced, owns, or remembers things that have made an impact on their lives; many of those things take on a great deal of importance and become fond memories. For some people it is a friend, or family. While others it might be education, an award, a picture, or something else.

### **Directions for Writing:**

Before you begin writing, think of all the things that are important in your life. If you had to choose one thing as the most important to you, what would that one thing be?

Now write an essay in which you explain what is the ONE most important thing to you and explain why that one thing is so important to you.

(Use the space below to list ideas/things that are important and make sure you pick **ONLY ONE** to begin your pre-writing.)

Critical for Survival

(Hook) Everyone has something or someone that plays a crucial part in their lives, but what is it that people hold near and dear to their hearts? (GDT) For some, money or other material items are what they classify as the most prominent objects in life. Others feel that education and personal success are what need to be taken into account. (Thesis) Personally, my family is the most important thing to me because they support, entertain, and provide me with what I cannot do without.

(TS) To begin with, my family is quintessential to me because they are the people I can count on in an array of ways. (1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) First, when I require assistance with my schoolwork because I cannot think of any ideas of what to write for English class, my sister is vital to encouraging me by helping me complete the assignment. (Ex.) When I could not ponder what to author my final paragraph on for my essay on why teens drop out of school, my older sister promoted me to finish the task by offering suggestions. Since I was extremely discouraged to write an essay consisting of five paragraphs on my first attempt, I began to weep with tears running down my cheeks, but my sister reassured me that essays are similar to composing single paragraphs and told me to do the last paragraph on how children leave school because of teen pregnancy. Because she aided me by performing that noteworthy act, I was able to conclude the work and received an exceptional score. (2<sup>nd</sup> Pt.) Second, by contributing to my cheerfulness when I am depressed, my mother is substantial to maintaining my mental well-being. (Ex.) Upon the death of our white and gray rabbit, Maxine, my mother comforted me as I was sobbing hysterically of grief and sorrow. She reached out, pulled me into a tight hug, and whispered words of sympathy as my salty tears soaked into her shirt, reminding me that my hamster, Caramel, was still alive. She made me accept that it could be expected since she was old for a rabbit and was in a better place because she might have been suffering of old age while she was living. My mother is absolutely essential for my continuation because she keeps me going morally and knows how to satisfy me no matter how down I am. (CS) Therefore, my family is the most influential thing in my entire existence because they take care of me with my education and emotionally.

(TS) In addition, my family is imperative to me because they amuse me when we ridicule about situations and take me to exciting places. (1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) To start with, my family and I frequently joke with each other in an enjoyable, slightly deranged, method, which plays the fundamental function of keeping me jubilant. (Ex.) For example, one night before we were all about to go to sleep, my sister was attempting to force my brother, mother, and I to sniff her intoxicating feet by lifting one foot up to our noses. We pushed her away and started laughing while imagining that if any human being were to inhale the smell of her horrible feet, they would immediately keel over to the ground, dead. My sister has the remarkable ability to always invent original, occasionally repulsive, ways to make me giggle and brighten this dreary existence because otherwise, I would be incredibly disgruntled. (2<sup>nd</sup> Pt.) Furthermore, I cannot live without my family because my parents guide my siblings and I to fabulous locations where we all have a fantastic time together. (Ex.) During the summer vacation, we traveled to France to visit our relatives and witness all the spectacular sites. We flew for fourteen hours on an airplane over the Pacific Ocean to reach our destination, and when we finally arrived, we went to acquaint with our aunt and cousins, ascend the seemingly limitless steps of the Eiffel Tower to look out at the beautiful city below, and gaze at the numerous portraits in the glass, pyramid-shaped Louvre Museum. Although it was rather pricey, my parents made the crucial decision to reserve two weeks out of their hectic livelihoods to take my brother, sister, and I on the most thrilling adventure of our lives for our enjoyment. (CS) Thus, my family is obligatory for my pleasure because they keep me in high spirits by countless means.

(TS) Finally, there is an assortment of techniques that my parents utilize to perform the key duty of supplying me with what I need. (1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) One, my mother mainly uses her time to go shopping to purchase necessary items for my continued subsistence. (Ex.) In the morning while my siblings and I are attending school, my mom drives to a local grocery store in her light green mini van to acquire food, clothes, and various cleanliness products. She skims the aisles tossing things such as cereal, waffles, bagels, shirts, pants, socks, shampoo, conditioner, and soap into her cart before checking out at the cash register and strolling outside to the parking lot to maneuver the car back to our house. Due to her concern, I have the ability to wear clothes to protect me against the elements, eat food and drink liquids so that I will not starve or become dehydrated, and wash my hair and body so that I will feel and be sanitary. I would not be able to survive devoid of her obtaining all that I necessitate for the basic standards of living. (2<sup>nd</sup> Pt.) Two, my father plays the considerable role of carrying out employment to be paid money for my family and I to reside contentedly. (Ex.) He is an accomplished civil engineer and additionally referees soccer games nearly every night to earn money for us to live comfortably. Every morning, he drives off to the city of Rancho Cordova, California to exert procedures such as supervising traffic and giving people the permission to execute any type of construction project to collect currency before returning home at around five o'clock at night. In the evening, he departs to the soccer stadium to call fouls, goals, and out-of-bounds between two opposing teams while they are kicking, dribbling, passing, and shooting a ball to make relatively twenty dollars per game. Since he usually referees at least three matches, most of the time my dad does not return home until late at night after a lengthy day of labor. During my childhood he is the person who is the central source of mandatory finances to pay for the house, car, and electricity, as these are the objects that I require for primary survival. (CS) In short, my parents make available to me the foremost substances that I am incapable of going on without by procuring indispensable products and implementing a prosperous occupation.

(RT) In conclusion, my direct family is the most important group of people to me because they persuade me to continue with kind remarks when I am in need of bolstering, know precisely how to make me carefree, and my parents make a solid effort to endow all that is compulsory for me in life. (Summary) During periods of joyousness, anguish, success, and failure, a person will look to a favored object or familiar people to be there for them. These things or individuals are valuable to the person by ensuring their welfare in reality. (Clincher) In times of hardship and trouble, who or what is it that a person depends on for condolence?

## Intro

(Hook) If people all over the world were surveyed about what they valued, no matter what their economic situation, would not everyone have something they hold as special or near and dear to their hearts? (GDT) For some people it might be a ancestral heirloom or bit of memorabilia signed by someone famous. For others it might be money, their job, a mentor, a picture, or even a simple memory. (Thesis) The most important thing to me is my family because they support, entertain, and provide for me.

(TS) To begin with, my family is quintessential because they sustain me emotionally and with my education. (1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) First,

(CS) Therefore, I cannot live without my family backing me up in all areas of my life.

(TS) In addition to being able to count on my family, they also bring a great deal of enjoyable amusements into my life in a couple of ways. (1<sup>st</sup> Pt.) To start with,

(CS) In short, by taking me places and keeping laughter in our lives makes my family a necessity for my well-being.

(TS) Finally, because my family supplies me with food and shelter as well as clothes me, there are significant parts to my livelihood. (TS) One,

(CS) Consequently, without the bare essentials in life, I would not be able to survive not having family.

## Conclusion

(RT) In conclusion, my family is the most imperative thing in the world to me because they are there to help, amuse, and endow me with what I need. (Summary) For everyone, life evolves around some central force and bestows people with those indispensable elements to get them started and keep them going throughout the years. Everyone needs something to cherish. (Clincher) Imagine if there was nothing in the world that gave people motivation or comfort. Where would the human race be?

## **Problems in Essay Writing**

### **TS/CS RULE/WORD VARIATION/MAIN FOCUS:**

(TS) To begin with, Family is important because they make love more meaningful.

**Corrected:** (TS) To begin with, family is crucial because they care about me deeply in a number of ways.

(CS) In short, family is always there for me.

**Corrected:** (CS) In short, my family is valuable because they are extremely devoted and are people I can always count on.

(TS) Next, family is important to me because they give me a sense of security.

**Corrected:** (TS) Next, family is essential to me because they give me a sense of security by their presence and encouragement.

(CS) Therefore, my family is important in two ways.

**Corrected:** (CS) Therefore, my family is necessary because they provide me with a healthy environment.

### **COMPOUND/COMPLEX SENTENCE RULE/SPECIFIC EXAMPLES:**

(EX) For example, when I went to school one morning the kids were making fun of me but my parents were there to help make me feel better.

**Corrected:** (EX) For example, when I went to school one morning, the kids were making fun of me, but my parents were there to help make me feel better. They got me in a better mood by taking the time to discuss strategies on how to deal with people like this, and then they took me out for my favorite ice cream. So, my parents are a vital part in making me feel good about myself no matter what someone says.