

Informative Exposition: Synthesis

Elaboration

The paragraph below is from a draft of a student's proposal. Use the **Suggestions for Elaboration** to develop the paragraph, both by adding to existing sentences and by creating new sentences. Pertinent details can be found in the **Prewriting Notes**. Write your new paragraph on a separate sheet of paper.

First Draft

(1) Many teenagers would like to make money, but they don't know where to look for work. (2) Many adults would be glad to hire teenagers but don't know how to find teenagers who want to work.

(3) We could solve both problems by starting a job center at our school. (4) All we need is a teacher to sponsor us, volunteers, a phone, and some card files. (5) Students who wanted work could come in and fill out cards. (6) They would have to pay a small fee to be listed. (7) The Center would use this money to pay its costs. (8) Students could take turns answering the phone and operating the Center. (9) They would match up people who had jobs with teenagers who wanted jobs. Everybody, it seems to me, would win.

Prewriting Notes

• Problems: jobs not listed in paper, going door-to-door asking for work can be dangerous • Possible jobs: babysit, yardwork, haul trash, wash cars, etc. • Information needed on cards: name, address, phone number, skills, hours • Costs: ad in newspaper, printing of leaflets for community bulletin boards, phone rental; phones manned by volunteers • How it would work: adult calls in, describes job, hours, pay. Coordinator pulls file for that job type, finds student who matches up, provides phone number, employer calls teenager.

Suggestions for Elaboration

- Elaborate on Sentence 1 to give reasons.
- Expand Sentence 2 with examples of specific jobs.
- Follow up on Sentence 5 with details about the cards.
- Rewrite Sentence 7 to explain specifically what costs would be involved.
- Expand Sentence 9 by explaining the matching process.