

Activity 1

The paragraph on the apple plant, like almost any piece of effective writing, has two essential parts: (1) a point is advanced, and (2) that point is then supported. Taking a minute to outline the paragraph will help you understand these basic parts clearly. Add the words needed to complete the outline.

Point: Working in an apple plant is the worst job I ever had.

Reason 1: Physically demanding work

a. Loaded cartons onto skids for ten hours a night

b. Had to load heavy cartons one after the other

Reason 2: Minimum wage

a. Only \$3.65/hour and one fourth ^{extra} for night shift

b. Had to work sixty hours for decent take-home pay

Reason 3: Unfavorable working conditions

a. Two ten-minute breaks and an unpaid lunch

b. Had to work outside in near freezing temperature

c. Loneliness on job

(1) No interests in common with other workers

(2) By myself for two hours cleaning the apple vats