

## 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: The work was physically very hard

- a. Loaded cartons onto skids for ten hours a night
- b. Each carton contained 25 pounds of bottled apple juice

Reason 2: The pay wasn't enough

- a. he was paid minimum wage at \$3.65
- b. Had to work sixty hours for decent take-home pay

Reason 3: Working conditions weren't good

- a. Two ten-minute breaks and an unpaid lunch
- b. weather was cold at near zero temperature.
- c. Loneliness on job

(1) No interests in common with other workers

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