English

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 hard.

a. Loaded cartons onto skids for ten hours a night

b. the cartons were heavy with 25 pounds of apple juice

Reason 2: the pay received from the job

a. made minimum wage, 3.65 \$ an hour

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

Reason 3: the working condition was bad

a. Two ten-minute breaks and an unpaid lunch

b. spent most of the time on the loading docks in near 0 degree temperature

- c. Loneliness on job
- 1. No interests in common with other workers

2. By myself for two hours cleaning the apple vats