



Developing | Exemplar Essay

## Call or Text

### Personal Preference



#### Clarity and Focus

The central idea is off-target as it presents an argument for calling in the introduction ("I think talking...is the best way to communicate"). The majority of the essay focuses on advocating phone calls over texts, which does not fulfill the demands of the prompt.



#### Development

The essay lacks a balanced evaluation of both methods of communication and support is uneven. Some relevant facts are developed with explanations ("texting can be a bad thing...Many states have made it illegal to text and drive"), while others are not ("For emergencies, calling would be the best choice").



#### Organization

While paragraph breaks are not present, the elements of an introduction and conclusion are recognizable. Some transitions are used to show relationships between ideas ("Since," "whereas"), and related topics are grouped together (first calling, then texting).



#### Language and Style

The informal style and subjective tone are not appropriate for the task ("like if you're with a friend and all they do is go on their phone and text, it's rude"). Language is adequate for the audience ("preferences," "communication," "whereas"), though some word choices are misguided ("genuineness").



### Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait 'looks like' in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see "25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays" by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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### Notes

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Texting and calling have both good and bad things about them. People have preferences between the two based on what they like. I think talking over phone is the best way to communicate and there are many reasons on why I prefer to talk over the phone. When you call, there would be that there is actual feeling in your voice. If you were to laugh you wouldn't just write "lol," you would actually laugh. For emergencies, calling would be the best choice. Since no emotions can seriously be shown over a text, they could mistake you talking about something serious as a very terrible joke, whereas calling they could actually hear the genuineness in your voice. I personally would choose calling because I'm a slow texter and talking is easier overall and it has emotions in it. For texting, people would choose it because of the very quick communication. You don't need to call them and hope that they are currently available, you can just text them and they will receive it whenever they look at their phone. A major advantage to texting is that you can send images and important information over it, but when it comes to calling you can't. But texting can be a bad thing too. Many states have made it illegal to text and drive, which is a good thing because it many people have died from getting into accidents for that. And it could also be annoying to people like if you're with a friend and all they do is go on their phone and text, it's rude. Definitely some negatives towards texting because of no emotions and some people might not understand you. I will choose voice calling!