

Teacher Mediated Multiple Paragraph Writing Task
Following Structured Academic Discussion
(Twenty-Minute Essay: Thesis + Two Supporting Paragraphs)

Reasons Students Make Writing Errors

Students make errors in their formal written work for a wide variety of reasons.

Students commonly make errors in their academic writing because _____

They wait until the absolute last minute to get started on an important assignment.

For example, if the paper is due Friday morning, they start writing _____

As a result, they spend all of their time _____

and have no time left to _____

In addition, students in diverse classrooms frequently make errors in written work due to heritage language interference. Many students in our community speak a home language other than English such as _____ and _____.

They may make errors in _____ and _____

because they are unconsciously applying conventions from their _____.

As a result, it is very difficult for them to identify errors when they read the paper aloud because _____

Furthermore, students often make errors in formal writing assignments because
