

Sample Teacher-Mediated Academic Writing Development

Learning Journal Assignment: *Dealing with Bullying*

- ✓ Select one of the following topic sentences to begin your paragraph (or borrow words and phrases from these sentences to create your own topic sentence).

I am aware of several prevalent forms of bullying on our campus.

I have personally witnessed a wide variety of bullying at _____ school.

Although various examples of bullying occur on a daily basis at _____ school, the subtle/verbal/physical forms can be the most harmful.

- ✓ Support your opinion/position with three “showing” examples that will help the reader clearly visualize what you are talking about.

Introduce each new example with these sentence starters (or create your own sentences borrowing from this language):

1. One common form of bullying I have observed at our school is . . .
2. Another prevalent example of bullying I have witnessed is . . .
3. In my opinion, the most serious type of bullying that occurs regularly/frequently/on a daily basis is . . .

- ✓ Provide one or two additional sentences after each example to make sure that your reader clearly understands your points.

- ✓ In your final draft, use at least 4 words from our vocabulary list:

involve, subtle, obvious, verbal, non-verbal, physical, category, abuse, harassment, harmful, prevalent, outcome, significant, teasing, taunting, slur, rumor, insult,