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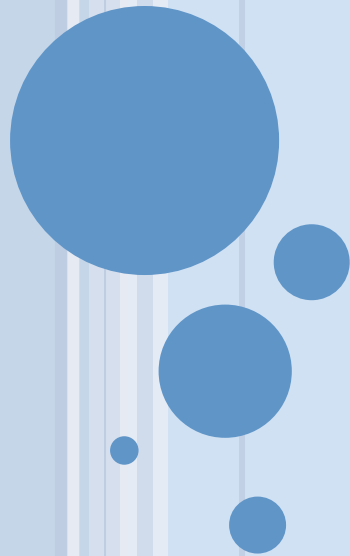
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What is DRAPES?

Have you ever gotten in the middle of writing something, then you can't think of what to say next? You just kind of run out of steam?



DRAPES will help you
plan your writing so
you never run out of
things to say! It's
what we Language
Arts teachers call
"elaboration."



You're going to be amazed at
how DRAPES transforms your
writing!

Let's get started!



DIALOGUE



- A quote or something an expert would say

“Using DRAPES will help you become a better writer,” stated Mrs. Addington, my English teacher. ●

RHETORICAL QUESTION

A question not meant to be answered.



“Who doesn’t want to become a better writer?” asked Mrs. Addington.

ANALOGY

- A comparison through the use of figurative language



A piece of writing without
DRAPES is like macaroni
without cheese.



PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Something you or someone you know has had experience with.



My daughter used DRAPES on her FCAT writing test last year, and she scored a 5.5!

EXAMPLES

An example of something.

For example,

For instance,

One way to...

One way to use DRAPES in your writing is to give an example.

STATISTICS

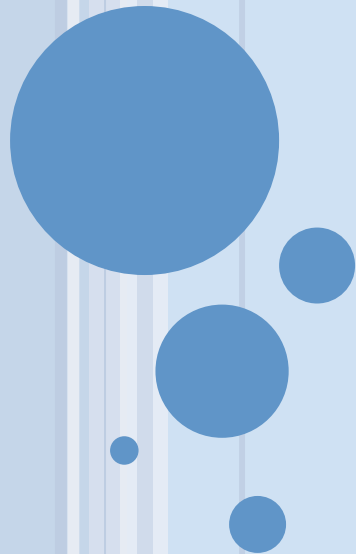
- A fact or data
- Usually a percentage or number



Seventy percent of students who used DRAPES in their writing scored a 4.0 or higher.



LET'S SEE WHAT YOU
KNOW ABOUT DRAPES!



DIALOGUE, RHETORICAL QUESTION,
ANALOGY, PERSONAL EXPERIENCE,
EXAMPLE, OR STATISTIC?



Suzy Sunshine, a marine biologist, stated,
“The waters of Hudson Beach contain high
levels of bacteria, therefore we recommend
no one swim in the water until further
testing is done.”



If you guessed **dialogue**,
you were CORRECT!

Great job!

Let's keep going!



DIALOGUE, RHETORICAL QUESTION,
ANALOGY, PERSONAL EXPERIENCE,
EXAMPLE, OR STATISTIC?



One thing we can do to keep the
ocean clean is pick up our trash
when we leave.



DID YOU GUESS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE?

I HOPE NOT BECAUSE THE RIGHT ANSWER IS

EXAMPLE!

Want to try another one? I
know you do!

Here we go!

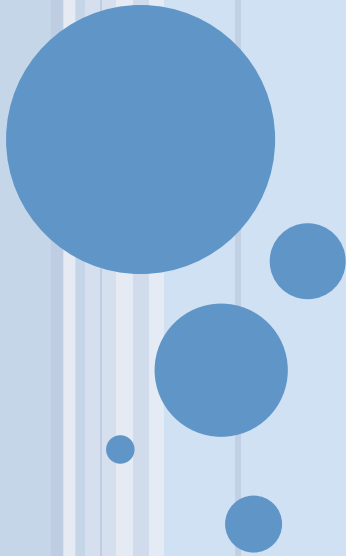


Dialogue, Rhetorical Question,
Analogy, Personal Experience,
Example, or Statistic?




Who wants to swim in
polluted, toxic water?

Who didn't know that this
was a **Rhetorical Question**?

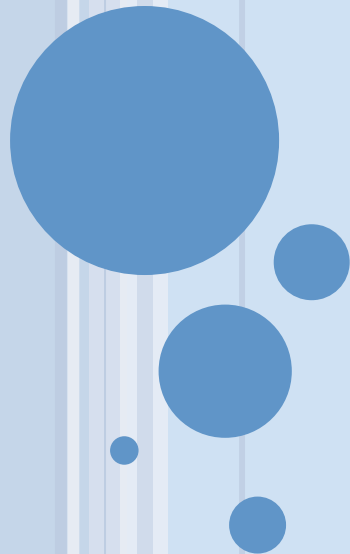


I'm impressed with your
knowledge, but let's make it a
little more difficult. I want you
to give me your own examples!



TOPIC:

SHOULD SCHOOLS HAVE VENDING
MACHINES FOR THE STUDENTS TO
USE?



DIALOGUE


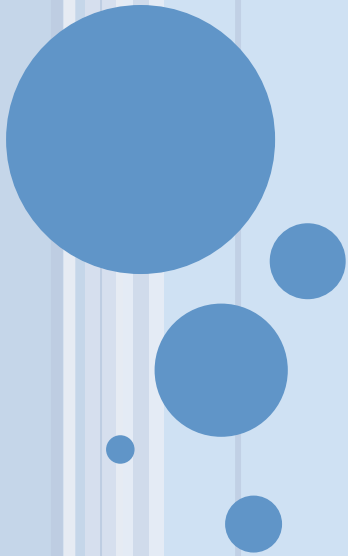
WHO WOULD BE AN
EXPERT ON THIS?

WHAT WOULD HE/SHE SAY?



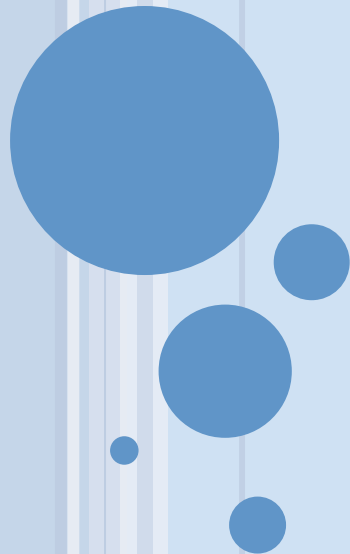
Rhetorical Question

What is a question
that you could ask
that doesn't
necessarily need an
answer. It's a no-
brainer.



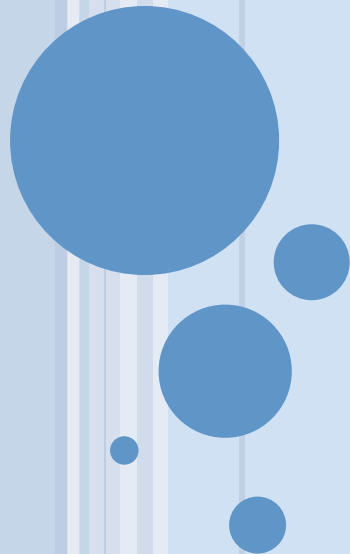
Analogy

How can you
creatively compare
your stance with
something unrelated?



Personal Experience

What experiences
have you or your
friends or family
members had with
this topic?

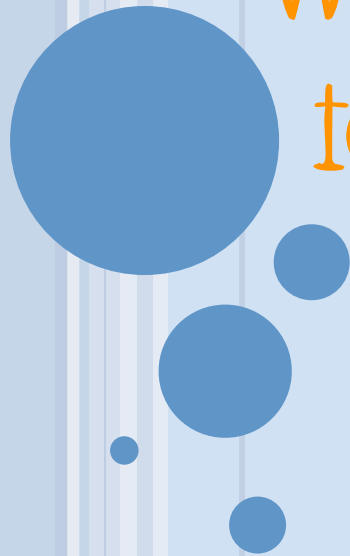


Example

Can you give an
example or reason to
support your stance?

Statistics

What data could you use
to support your stance?



NOW, LET'S SAY EACH STRATEGY TOGETHER.

D - Dialogue

R - Rhetorical Question

A - Analogy

P - Personal Experience

E - Examples

S - Statistics



DRAPES is your ticket to successful, effective writing. You don't have to use every strategy in your writing, but if you put in one or two strategies, you'll see an improvement!