

A.R.E You Answering the Question?

A- Assertion

(A statement using POWER WORDS)

R- Reasoning

(The “because” part of the argument)

E- Evidence

(Use the text, image, or document to support your reasoning and assertion)

Explain how the evidence supports your reasoning and assertion.

Elaborate the facts by drawing a conclusion.

Expand on your ideas by commenting on the facts.

Boxes and Bullets

Box- (A) Assertion- Main Idea/Topic Sentence
(R) Reasoning- because

- **Bullets-** (E) Cite evidence/facts that support the main idea
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Box- (E) Explain how the evidence supports your assertion and reasoning
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The Big Idea: A.R.E. and Boxes and Bullets help you organize your ideas.

- Writers need to organize material logically. A.R.E. and “Boxes and Bullets” help the writer see relationships between and among ideas. A.R.E. and “Boxes and Bullets” help the writer to present his or her ideas in an effective and persuasive manner, resulting in a focused text.

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EXAMPLE

“A” and “R”- Box 1 provide the main idea and topic sentence in an assertion with 3 reasons (1,2,3)

Textings has become a real problem for teens because they sleep less, don't spend time with their family and they could be studying or relaxing instead.

“E” – Bullets provide the evidence/facts

- The text states kids need 8 to 11 hours of sleep a night, but many kids wake up to text and interrupt their sleep.
- Also, kids don't spend enough time talking to their family face to face so they lose touch.
- Finally, Dr. Dowdell, a professor at Villanova University says that kids can be accessed any time of day or night. “The problem is there is no down time.”

“E” - Box 2 explains how the evidence CONNECTS to the assertion. It also provides elaboration of facts as well as expanding on ideas by adding comments.

When kids text 1000 times a day, it negatively affects their sleep, relationships and relaxation time. When you put down the phone, you may find you get fresh air and exercise, actually talk with your family and are healthier and happier overall!