



Learning Project 3 Revising for Clear Expression

(Note: Italicized portions should be directed to the students.)

In the remaining Learning Projects for Language Arts, Writing, the focus will be on revision. Just as the only way to learn to write is to write, and write frequently, the only way to improve writing skills is to revise a first or rough draft many times, looking for many possible problem areas. We strongly recommend that your students keep their writing in a folder. For the revision projects, they will use work they have been accumulating.

They will also start a Revising Journal in these Inquiry Activities, writing down strategies for revising their own work as they develop them.

In this Learning Project, we focus on clarity of expression. As in the previous Learning Project, we start with work done by others, then move to revising their partner's work, and finally, working on their own writing. In this case, the work of others is one of the writing passages in PA.

Inquiry Activity 3-1: Clear Expression

1. Identifying the Problem

In this IA we are going to look at what has been written and consider whether the ideas have been expressed clearly and logically, so that the readers will understand them easily. To begin, very generally look over the passage that follows. (Don't read word for word or try to look for mistakes.)

Trotter Institute of Electronics "Training for the Future"

Mr. Carlos Montanez
286 Greencrest Street
Houston, TX 77001

Dear Mr. Montanez:

(A)

(1) What does it take to get a good job? (2) You probably have read newspaper articles about how job opportunities are declining today. (3) At the same time, however there are occupations in which opportunities are expanding. (4) The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics gave the following report. (5) The report states that in the next 10 years the demand for electronics technicians will increase by 21 percent. (6) As an electronics technician, you can expect to have your choice of many high-paying jobs with excellent working conditions. (7) That means that for every 10 electronics technicians now working, two more will be needed.

(B)

(8) One of the best aspects of an electronics education was that you don't ever have to leave home to get one. (9) The Trotter Institute of Electronics, offers a one-year correspondence course that leads straight to a Certificate of Electronics. (10) You could soon be on your way to a career in electronics. (11) A career filled with excitement and promise.

(C)

(12) You probably think that any course offered by the Trotter Institute would be expensive. (13) Because you get textbooks, assignments, and consultation for only \$450.00, and this includes employment counseling after you graduate, this will surprise you. (14) You can see now that getting a better job is easier than you thought.

(D)

(15) To prepare for a better job with a great future, complete the enclosed registration form. (16) Within 10 days, you'll move toward an interesting and rewarding new career. (17) As mentioned above in the next 10 years the demand for electronics technicians will increase by dramatic proportions. (18) Don't wait to take advantage of this exciting career opportunity.

Yours truly,

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