

**Writing Prompt**

In schools across the country, students are learning skills to help them solve problems peacefully. Pretend you are having a problem with a friend. Write an essay explaining the steps in a peaceful problem-solving process.

Before you begin to write, think about the steps needed to solve a problem peacefully. What should someone do to remain calm? What should be done to help communication? To whom could you go for help? How could you become friends again?

Now write your essay explaining the steps in a peaceful problem-solving process. Be sure you include enough detail so your reader will understand.

**WRITER'S CHECKLIST**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Look at the ideas in your response.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you focused on one main idea?</li> <li>• Have you used enough detail to explain yourself?</li> <li>• Have you put your thoughts in order?</li> <li>• Can others understand what you are saying?</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>2. Think about what you want others to know and feel after reading your paper.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will others understand how you think or feel about an idea?</li> <li>• Will others feel angry, sad, happy, surprised, or some other way about your response? (Hint: Make your reader feel like you do about your paper's subject.)</li> <li>• Do you have sentences of different lengths? (Hint: Be sure you have a variety of sentence lengths.)</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are your sentences alike? (Hint: Use different kinds of sentences.)</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Look at the words you have used.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you described things, places, and people the way they are? (Hint: Use enough detail.)</li> <li>• Are you the same person all the way through your paper? (Hint: Check your verbs and pronouns.)</li> <li>• Have you used the right words in the right places?</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>4. Look at your handwriting.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can others read your handwriting with no trouble?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |
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