

Revising an essay introduction



First draft

It is a really good idea to learn to play a musical instrument.

Background information too personal

First sentence not engaging

Purpose for writing should be more clear

Thesis statement -- opinion but no plan for development

I have been trying to learn guitar for a few years now. Playing music will be one of the best moves you ever make.



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Introductory sentence is engaging. It creates a picture of what you hope to share.

The thesis statement tells the reader why you believe learning to play an instrument is a good idea.

Imagine yourself surrounded by friends, playing the musical instrument of your choice, and leading an energetic sing-along. **Learning to play a musical instrument may require** a commitment of time, energy, and money, but the end result will guarantee numerous benefits for you. Learning to read music, sing, and play an instrument **encourages you to entertain friends and family, improves your ability to focus on a task, and provides a relief from the hectic day-to-day responsibilities.**

Background information lets the reader know what goes into learning a musical instrument.

Your purpose is clear and the thesis statement lists ideas in order of importance.