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**HOMEWORK**

**Task 2**

I agree that student life is the most important part of human life because … It’s exactly that time, when you have maximum of your life energy and opportunity to research new knowledge. Plus, a university or college can help you study, expand your skills, and meet new people.

I disagree that student should spend most of his time of this golden period in reading and learning because … I believe that students should try themselves in different fields and spheres of life and activity, gain practical experience. First, you need to decide on your profession, and only then spend time reading and studying, otherwise this time will be wasted.

**Task 3**

1. The key to become an effective student is learning how to study smarter, not harder.
2. An hour or two of studying a day is usually sufficient to make it through high school with satisfactory grades.
3. There aren’t enough hours in day to get all your studying in if you don’t know how to study smarter.
4. The majority of successful students achieve their success by learning to be consistent in their studies and having regular, yet shorter, study periods.
5. Successful students typically space their work out our shooter periods of time and rarely try to cram all of their studying into just one or two sessions.
6. To become a successful student, you should to plan when you’re going to study
7. Successful students schedule specific times throughout the week when they are going to study-and then they stick with their schedule.
8. The creating a consistent, daily study routine is important, because it will help to review your courses will ensure develop that will enable you to set in your education long term.
9. Each study time must have a specific goal, because it will support your overall academic goal.
10. You shouldn't procrastinate because it is very easy and common to put off your study session because of lack of interest in the subject.

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**Ex. 1**

1. It's hard to refusing to lend money to someone. That situation becomes awkward and tense. The person shifts the topic to trust or relationships, which can sever your ties with him.
2. It’s easier in my language because I know more of some specific words that can be used in such a situation and which more accurately convey my thoughts and desires.
3. Be yourself, be sincere, be more confident.
4. It wasn't often in my life that I refused to give money to someone. I do this because he spends them uselessly or does not keep his promise to return the money, and what’s even worse - he gladly can sit on my head (to live at my expense).

**Ex. 2**

1. untangle
2. hijacked
3. validated
4. stabilizing
5. defuse
6. wrenching

**Ex. 3**

1. During the argument, someone got personal.
2. Someone insultingly reproached me for something insignificant.
3. She chose a job that she liked, not her parents.
4. He was fired from his job.
5. They lost the tournament and were upset.
6. Someone fell off a skateboard.

**Ex. 4**

1. **stabilize your thoughts** – do a deep breath or take a short pause.
2. **defuse tension** – make a joke or take a pause.
3. **validate the other person’s emotions** – support him or listen carefully to him.
4. **not get hijacked by your emotions** – don't pay attention to the bad little things.

**Ex. 5**

1. **It’s important to acknowledge responsibility at the beginning of a difficult conversation because** it shows that you are willing to take ownership of your actions or mistakes and promotes a more constructive and honest discussion.
2. **The reason you need a defined outcome before the conversation starts is** to maximize productivity and ensure a purposeful exchange.
3. **It’s a very powerful thing to validate what the other person is saying because** it demonstrates genuine empathy and respect for their thoughts and emotions.
4. **The two most important things to remember during a difficult conversation are** the goal of the conversation and to not get emotional.

**Ex. 7**

1. 2, 4: chime in, interject
2. 2, 3: transparency, full disclosure
3. 1, 3: validated, acknowledged
4. 1, 2: gently, mildly
5. 3, 4: see, know
6. 1, 4: for what it’s worth, just so you know
7. 1, 2: find the middle ground, meet halfway
8. 2, 4: If I’m being honest, In all honesty

**Ex. 8**

1. In **all honesty**, I feel like I have offered a lot in the negotiation process, but I would appreciate more flexibility from your side to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.
2. **Mildly** speaking, the camping trip didn't go as planned.
3. I appreciate your effort in presenting the strategy, but I wanted to **be honest** and suggest that it may not work as effectively as intended. Perhaps we can find a **middle ground** and discuss alternative approaches.
4. **Just so** you know, I completely understand why you quit your job.
5. I wanted to tell you **gently** that I got angry because you bailed on me again. I understand that you may perceive it differently, but I hope you can **validate** my feelings as well.
6. Can I **chime** in and ask about a specific detail regarding the problem you've been discussing? I **acknowledge** the importance of your issue and would like to understand it more fully.
7. I feel **it's worth** being transparent with you that I have decided to quit my job, even though you asked me to participate in a big project.

**Ex. 9**

In all honestly, validate someone’s feelings, to put it gently.