W6A, Lesson 8, Essay 5, Draft 1

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Topic: The trip to the farm

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Once upon a time, was a boy called Mike. He had lived in a big city with his mom his whole life. Every day when school was over, he would go back home and play videogames. He didn’t like to go outside and play.

But his mother liked to travel very much and she thought going outside was healthy for the body. So during summer vacation when the semester was over, she asked Mike to go to his grandpa’s farm with her.

“I don’t want to go out! It’s too hot outside and I just want to play videogames!” . “Besides, I don’t like farms. I don’t like the smell of the sheep. I won’t go out there even if I died!”

“But staying at home is not good for your health,” his mom said. “And if you go with me, then maybe I will buy you a new videogame.”

“What are you waiting for, mom?” Mike said. “I love the farm! Let’s go!”

Then they got into the car and drove to the countryside.

On the way, Mike was looking at his mobile phone, playing the games and watching movies. When his mom saw he was playing on his phone, she was upset.

“Mike, don’t touch the phone, OK?” she said. “This is a trip to the country. We’re not at home anymore.”

And she put Mike’s phone in the bag.

“If you still looking at the phone,” she said, “I will not buy you the new videogame.”

Than Mike slept until they arrived at the farm in the afternoon.

“Oh, look at who it is?” he heard an old voice shout. “My grandson!”

Then Mike, his mom and his grandfather all went into the house on the farm.

At night grandpa told mike a story about the phone monster and Mike was scared of the phone. Then he went to sleep.

In the morning, Mike woke up and grandpa let him feed the sheep and the cow. When he fed the sheep he suddenly felt the sheep were so cute and lovely.

When he come back grandpa was going to pick some vegetable. So Mike went with grandpa and he picked a lot of vegetables and they made had a good meal of beef and fresh veggies. At that time, Mike thought playing outside is better than playing videogames.

At grandpa’s home there was a big dog and he always slept outside and mike loved the dog he played with the dog every day during the trip. He didn’t use the phone for even five minutes. He played outside very happily.

“Mom, I love this place!” Mike said. “There are lots of animals and the air is very fresh. I do not want to leave!”

But on Monday they went home. On the way, mom gave Mike the mobile phone.

“Now you can play with it,” she said.

“No, I don’t need it,” Mike said.

Mom smiled and they went home.

At home mom said, “What videogame do you want? I will buy it for you.”

“Mom, I don’t want to play games anymore,” Mike said. “I want to have a dog!”

Now Mike likes to play outside and he is the best child at school. He and his mom are happy every day.

The end.

*Notes: Enoch, great job writing this story! Please add a few more orientation details at the beginning (what city, how old was Mike, what grade was he in, where was his dad, etc.). Also, please be more descriptive of the farm. What did the animals and plants look like? What did they smell like? Also, you should tell grandpa’s scary story! Finally, the ending is too short. Please write a few more sentences at the end. You can add the moral of the story. What is the reader supposed to learn from this story? Why is playing outside with friends better than playing videogames inside alone on a phone? Please end with a moral that the reader should learn from your story. Thanks!*