

Academic Tone and Language Practice

Below is a short paragraph on gun violence. It looks like the writer was trying to write an argument paragraph, but it is very informal and non-academic. For this assignment, you need to rewrite the paragraph using more formal and academic tone and language. Add a clearer topic sentence, and develop the paragraph well. You can use the same details and examples, but you will need to choose more academic language.

Something needs to be done about all of the gun violence in this country. Another shooting occurred today! I can't believe this keeps happening! These shootings take place in schools, malls, and other public places where people are just going about their business when a crazy person decides to ruin everyone's lives. They don't care about innocent people; these murderers just want to hurt whoever they can. To protect our society, we need to get rid of most of the guns, especially automatic and semi-automatic guns. No one needs a semi-automatic gun to go hunting for food or for sport. We also need to register all of the guns and prevent people from buying them without registration. Current laws allow criminals and unstable people to get their hands on guns too easily. Until we get serious about stopping this craziness, it's going to keep happening and may happen to someone you know!