

# KICKING ACES UP A NOTCH!

**Writing Prompt:** \_\_\_\_\_ What do you like to do? \_\_\_\_\_



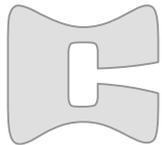
## Paragraph 1: (Introduction)

**Attention Getter:** I couldn't wait! I always wanted to try downhill skiing and here was my chance. "Let's not waste time on the bunny slope. She'll learn best going down the beginner's slope," said Lesly, my college roommate. So off we went, and it wasn't pretty. I fell getting on the lift. Then, I fell getting off the lift. Once at the top, the slope didn't look too steep, and my friends urged me on. I started to glide. Then, disaster struck! After gliding ten feet, I started feeling out of control. Suddenly, I fell, rolled, lost one of my skis, had great difficulty standing back up, struggled to put my ski back on, and then started to glide again only to repeat this vicious cycle amid the laughter of my friends. By the time I reached the bottom, I was totally embarrassed and resembled a human snowball. My pants were frozen stiff, so I headed toward the lodge.



**Answer:** After a first ski experience like this, it's hard to believe that today I like to ski.

## Paragraph 2: (Body)

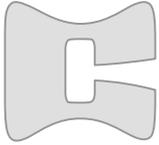


**Cite:** First, I like to ski because skiing makes me feel free.



**Explain:** As I glide down the slopes, I think of nothing but turning from side to side. The rise and fall of my chest causes my muscles to relax. My body moves in a fluid motion while the peaceful hum of the chair lift or occasional swish of a skier approaching from behind are the only sounds I hear. All of my troubles and worries melt away, and I am free to enjoy skiing.

### Paragraph 3: (Body)



**Cite:** Second, I like to ski because I am able to be outside in the winter.



**Explain:** On cold winter days, getting motivated to go outside is difficult. I'd rather curl up on the couch with a warm cup of tea unless I have a chance to go skiing. Once on the slopes, the brisk coldness is invigorating. I gaze at winter scenery and breathe crisp, fresh air. The chilly wind that stings my cheeks is minor compared to being outdoors and skiing down the mountain. Since skiing is so much fun, I forget about the cold and enjoy being outside. In truth, I love that skiing gives me a chance to be outdoors in the winter.

### Paragraph 4: (Conclusion)



**Summarizer:** Although my first ski experience was challenging, I now enjoy skiing.

Skiing allows me to be in the present moment and feel free. Also, I get to be outside in the winter participating in a fun activity. Consequently, I'm glad I wasn't turned off by becoming a human snowball with my first attempt at skiing because now I really like to ski



## Skiing

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**First**, I like to ski because skiing makes me feel free. **As I glide down the slopes**, I think of nothing but turning from side to side. The rise and fall of my chest causes my muscles to relax. My body moves in a fluid motion while the peaceful hum of the chair lift or occasional swish of a skier approaching from behind are the only sounds I hear. All of my troubles and worries melt away, and I am free to enjoy skiing.

**Second**, I like to ski because I am able to be outside in the winter. **On cold winter days**, getting motivated to go outside is difficult. I'd rather curl up on the couch with a warm cup of tea unless I have a chance to go skiing. **Once on the slopes**, the brisk coldness is invigorating. I gaze at winter scenery and breathe crisp, fresh air. The chilly wind that stings my cheeks is minor compared to being outdoors and skiing down the mountain. **Since** skiing is so much fun, I forget about the cold and enjoy being outside. **In truth**, I love that skiing gives me a chance to be outdoors in the winter.

**Although** my first ski experience was challenging, **I now enjoy skiing**. Skiing allows me to be in the present moment and feel free. **Also**, I get to be outside in the winter participating in a fun activity. **Consequently**, I'm glad I wasn't turned off by becoming a human snowball with my first attempt at skiing because now I really like to ski.



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## ACES 4-paragraph Scoring Tool

### Introduction:

**Attention Getter**—Uses at least one of the types of attention getters **5/5 points**  
(i.e. anecdote, rhetorical question(s), definition, quotation, startling facts, background knowledge)

I selected this anecdote because I'm sure it will get my students and make them laugh.

**Focus**—Answers the teacher's question in the form of a sentence **5/5**

### Body:

#### Body Paragraph #1

**Content**—Cites an example that supports the **Answer(A)** **5/5**  
Thoroughly **E**xplains example **5/5**

#### Body Paragraph #2

**Content**—Cites an example that supports the **Answer(A)** **5/5**  
Thoroughly **E**xplains example **5/5**

### Conclusion

**Focus**—Restates the teacher's question in the form of a sentence (**A**) **5/5**

**Content**—Refers back to attention getter **5/5**  
Highlights body paragraphs **5/5**

**Organization**—Includes introduction(**A**), 3 body paragraphs(**C**, **E**), and conclusion(**S**) **5/5**

**Transitions**—Uses transitional words between paragraphs and between **C** and **E** **5/5**

**CUPS**—Correct Capitalization, Usage, Punctuation, Spelling **9/10**

**Presentation**—Paper is properly formatted, legible, and aesthetically pleasing **5/5**

**80/80 points**