

# How to **A.C.E.** a Written Response Question

## Read



- Read the **question** slowly/carefully.
- **Figure out** what the question is asking you to do.
- **Highlight** or note the evidence you want to use in your answer.

## Write

### A.C.E.



#### **Answer** the question being asked.

Reread and restate the question, using your answer to write your topic sentence.



#### **Cite** evidence from the text to support your answer.

Include details from the text in your answer.  
DO NOT COPY TEXT word-for-word unless it is a **QUOTE**.



#### **Extend** your answer.

*Explain* your answer using your own prior knowledge and your personal experience.

**Group** your ideas together.

Use **transition words** to link your ideas.

**Close** your answer at the end.

**Reread** your answer and ask yourself,

**"Does it answer the question? Does it make sense?"**

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#### **Answer** the question being asked.

**Example Question:**

What can you infer about Goldilocks' personality from the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story?

**Example Answer:**

You can infer from the Three Bears story that Goldilocks' personality is naughty.



#### **Cite** evidence from the text to support your answer.

**Example Sentence:**

An example from the story is when Goldilocks enters the house of the three bears without permission.

**Sample Citing Words:**

On page 12, the author explains...  
In paragraph 4, the evidence shows that...  
The illustration on page 3 shows...  
The author states, "..."  
According to the article, ...  
An example in the story is...



#### **Extend** your answer.

Use **transition words** to link your ideas.

**Example Sentence:**

Goldilocks was naughty to all the bears. **For example**, she tasted the cereal from all three bowls so they were all ruined.

**Sample Transition Words**

Another	First
For example	Next
Also	Then
In addition to	Lastly
Because	So
Therefore	Since

**Close** your answer at the end.

I think she was naughty **because**, in my experience, people who are naughty do not wait for permission before doing what they want to do, just like Goldilocks.

**Sample Closing Words:**

This proves...because...  
This shows...because...  
I can infer from...  
I can prove it by...  
I know this because...  
I believe that...because  
In conclusion...

