



# Feedback

This document contains detailed feedback on your submitted piece of writing.

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**Task type:** opinion essay ([see the task in the Writing Bank](#)).

## Content

You managed to invent a relevant topic for the essay, but it is not formulated clearly. Adding it as a title for the essay would be a good idea. The length of your essay is appropriate. You expressed your opinion and made reference to the story as requested. However, the essay contains a factual mistake, which shows that either you misunderstood the story or your wording is misleading. The opposite opinion, although expressed in the essay, is developed poorly. The conclusion is present, but contains some irrelevant information.

## Organisation

The text is appropriately divided into paragraphs. The essay contains linking words and phrases, but they aren't always used correctly. Sometimes the essay is difficult to follow due to the overuse of linking devices.

## Language

See Pages 4–5 for details.

## Recommended exercises:

- [the verb 'make'](#).

# Content

*Too early to state your opinion*

Unfortunately, people have been depending on somebody else's opinion

since time immemorial. It goes without saying that nowadays this problem is still relevant. *Are you sure it's the author's intention and not your interpretation?*

*Only today? The issue isn't new.*  
It's generally agreed today that you must be accepted by society. Every our

action provokes a reaction which could be positive or negative. One of the

most striking features of this problem that this reaction has a significant

impact on ours further action.

This story is irrefutable evidence for my statement. In this text teacher's note It didn't. The teacher didn't try to encourage the boy. His mother did. encouraged boy to keep studying. It made boy to believe in himself.

However, I think despite its evident benefits someone feedback has

downsides. Of course it could inspire us for doing great inventions

nevertheless it should be accepted that it could discourage. *Weak point, there's nothing in the essay to support this statement.*

I consider it's wrong that other people's opinion have a strong influence of

our lives. In my opinion to become a really together person you must be the

only owner of your life. It means that you should be independent of

someone's opinion. We must try to be better for ourselves not for someone.

To conclude this essay I want attract the attention on importance of being

independent from society's opinion. Only by this people can reach

happiness. *Happiness is mentioned here for the first time, which is quite unexpected. The conclusion should summarise and restate ideas, not introduce new ones.*

# Organisation

*Used together so close to each other, these expressions create a feeling of repetition.*

Unfortunately, people have been depending on somebody else's opinion since time immemorial. It goes without saying that nowadays this problem is still relevant. That's why the author raises this issue in the text.

It's generally agreed today that you must be accepted by society. Every our action provokes a reaction which could be positive or negative. One of the

most striking features of this problem that this reaction has a significant impact on our further action.

*distracts the reader rather than helps him*

This story is irrefutable evidence for my statement. In this text teacher's note encouraged boy to keep studying, ~~It made boy to believe in himself.~~

*making him Avoid simple sentences*

However, I think despite its evident benefits ~~someone~~ feedback has ~~may have~~ downsides. Of course it could inspire us for doing great inventions nevertheless it should be accepted that it could discourage.

I consider it's wrong that other people's opinion have a strong influence of our lives. In my opinion to become a really together person you must be the only owner of your life. It means that you should be independent of someone's opinion. We must try to be better for ourselves not for someone.

*Just one will be enough.*

To conclude this essay I want attract the attention on importance of being independent from society's opinion. Only by this people can reach

happiness.

*There are many words and little information in this passage. It needs rewriting. However, despite its evident benefits like being able to encourage, feedback may also be discouraging.*

# Language

*not normally used in Continuous*

Unfortunately, people have been depending on somebody else's opinion since time immemorial. It goes without saying that nowadays this problem is still relevant. That's why the author raises this issue in the text. *style*

It's generally agreed today that you must be accepted by society. Every our *style* can be expressed better *Grammar* action provokes a reaction which could be positive or negative. One of the most striking features of this problem *grammar* that this reaction has a significant impact on ours further action. *grammar*

This story is irrefutable evidence for my statement. In this text *article* teacher's note encouraged *article* boy to keep studying. It made *article* boy to believe in himself. *grammar*

However, I think despite its evident benefits someone feedback has *wrong word* downsides. Of course it could inspire us for doing great inventions *grammar* *don't collocate* nevertheless it should be accepted that it could discourage *wrong structure* *linking word missing*

I consider it's wrong that other people's opinion have a strong influence of *style* *grammar* *preposition* our lives. In my opinion, to become a really together person you must be the only owner of your life. It means that you should be independent of *vocabulary*

someone's opinion. We must try to be better for ourselves not for someone. *grammar*

To conclude this essay I want attract the attention on importance of being *article* *Russian* independent from *preposition* society's opinion. Only by this *word order* people can reach happiness.

# Language (corrected)

*have always been dependent*

Unfortunately, people have been depending on somebody else's opinion

since time immemorial. It goes without saying that nowadays this problem is

*That is*

still relevant. That's why the author raises this issue in the text.

*It is*

*Every action of ours/Every action*

It's generally agreed today that you must be accepted by society. Every our *we take*

*provokes either a positive or a negative reaction*

action provokes a reaction which could be positive or negative. One of the

most striking features of this problem <sup>*is*</sup> that this reaction has a significant

*our*

impact on ours further action.

This story is irrefutable evidence for my statement. In this text <sup>*the*</sup> teacher's note

encouraged <sup>*the*</sup> boy to keep studying. It made <sup>*the*</sup> boy ~~to~~ believe in himself.

However, I think despite its evident benefits ~~someone~~ feedback has

*inspire to do*

*to invent new things*

downsides. Of course it could inspire us for doing great inventions

nevertheless it should be accepted that it could discourage

*consider it wrong/consider it to be wrong* <sup>*has*</sup> <sup>*as well*</sup>

I consider it's wrong that other people's opinion have a strong influence <sup>*on*</sup> of

our lives. In my opinion to become a really together person you must be the

*master*

only owner of your life. It means that you should be independent of

*anyone's*

someone's opinion. We must try to be better for ourselves not for someone.

To conclude this essay I want <sup>*to*</sup> attract the attention on importance of being

independent from <sup>*of*</sup> society's opinion. Only by this <sup>*highlight the importance*</sup> people can reach

happiness. <sup>*the*</sup> <sup>*can people*</sup>

# Task

Read the story below and formulate an essay topic related to it. Then write your **essay** in **200–250** words.

In the essay:

- *state the problem;*
- *express your opinion on the problem;*
- *refer to the story while expressing your opinion;*
- *make a conclusion.*

One day Thomas came home from school and gave a paper to his mother. He said to her, 'Mom, my teacher gave this paper to me and told me only you are to read it. What does it say?'

The woman's eyes welled with tears as she read the letter out loud to her child:

'Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have good enough teachers to train him. Please teach him yourself.'

Many years after his mother had died, Thomas was going through a closet and found that letter. He opened it. The message written on the letter was, 'Your son is addled\*. We cannot let him attend our school anymore. He is expelled.'

By the time Thomas Alva Edison was reading that letter, he had already become one of the greatest inventors of the century.

\*mentally deficient