

Inspired by Melinda Long's [How I Became a Pirate](#), these two fourth graders worked on their organizational skills as they created the following essays about jobs' pros and cons. Remember that a writer thinks about these things when organizing their writing:

- There is a strong introduction to the piece of writing
- The writing comes to a satisfying conclusion
- Transitions are used to move the idea along logically
- Paragraphs are written with purpose
- The conclusion might somehow links back to the introduction

Be prepared to comment on these five things after reading the following two essays. The online lesson that inspired this writing can be found by clicking [here](#).

Being a Teacher: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

by Camryn, fourth grade writer



Are you a good student? Well, you will become an awesome teacher. There are some exciting things about this job, but sometimes it's so hard.

One thing that's hard about teaching is you have to check so much homework! That's hard work. Another thing that's hard about teaching is...apples. Do you ever get apples? A LOT? I have. That's the worst! If everyone in your class gives you one, your desk is filled with apples, apples, apples. Do you like to go outside when it's -10 degrees outside? You have to because of recess duty, even when it's so cold outside! Whew, your mouth is always about to fall asleep because of all the talking. Kids are so loud you have to scream, "Quiet!" Finally, when you're a teacher you may not have an overhead and then you have to write on the long board. There are many more cons, but I'll stop here.

Now I'm going to tell you some awesome things about being a teacher. When you are a teacher, you get a lot of gifts and when it's your birthday, you get even more from *some* of your kids. Another thing that's awesome about teaching is that you get to see other people's cultures because you may not be from that same culture as your students. That's the best! Another thing is that you can teach people new things in different ways. And when kids turn in their papers on time it makes you happy and you know that you won't have to take points off their grades. The last thing is that in your class kids can be nice to other kids and that would makes you smile all the time. Those are just some of the pros about being a teacher.

Well, I have told you all the things that I had to say about the pros about being a teacher and the cons. Now are you excited about teaching?

Pro Football Pros & Cons

by Dylan, fourth grade writer



Being a Pro football player sounds cool with all the *pros* and stuff. You got to remember though, there still are cons.

One pro is you get to be famous, and I like that. You can be rich and strong. That comes in handy when you need to move things into your the mansion that you bought with all your money. I would use my money for a mansion, a million dogs, and more footballs. The way you get strong is by running, and this job is athletic! Probably the most important thing about being a football player is having fun.

A bad thing about being a Pro football player is you get hurt. People get hurt just about every game! Another reason is with all the reporters these days, you'll never get time to yourself. You also can't play when you get too old, which stinks because, what if you're really good at it? Once you get old enough, they kick you out! The final two cons are you travel everywhere to play different teams so you never see your family, and you get traded so you don't stay on the same team as your friends.

After thinking...I think I will be a football player!