

# Jedi: the Pros and Cons

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Although light sabers can be dangerous, they will become your best friend when wandering the galaxy as a Jedi. Storm Troopers, surprise attacks, and traps are all dangers that come up on a daily basis. This is when that silver handle hanging from your waist begins looking real friendly.

Having a light saber and racing pod racers isn't all fun though; it can get you killed. Also, it can get very lonely, and with every human girl in a galaxy far away from you, sometimes you have to resort to "women" from other species. The problem with different species is that many cannot stand humans. This makes you susceptible to attack at all times; booby traps, surprise attacks, you name it. Get to cocky and—BAM—light saber to your chest; you're dead.

As a Jedi, you really need to stay on your feet. That's what's nice about having the force on your side. You're unaware, but if there are a few creatures waiting around the corner for you, all of a sudden you get this feeling; it's the force telling you to take a different route. Your life is saved. Besides, you wouldn't want anyone tearing your robe. Yoda would tear you a new one if you tore another robe. Yoda may get angry with the amount of robes you go through, but he is a great person to have on your side. No matter what, Yoda's got your back.

So I really believe the good outweighs the bad when it comes to being a Jedi. And even though they're one in a million, when you find that right human girl, you know she's diggin' your Jedi skills.

**Trait Discussion Question:** Imagine Mike is in your response group. He is really trying to earn a good grade with this piece of writing. He is trying to impress his teacher with some new skills he's learned about both **organization** and **sentence fluency**. He plans to revise this writing one more time. What has Mike already done well (with organization & sentence fluency)? What might Mike still focus on (with organization & sentence fluency)?

## What's Organization?

- 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 introduction might link back to the conclusion



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## What's Sentence Fluency?

- A variety of transitions are used
- A variety of sentence beginnings are used
- A variety of sentence lengths are used
- When reading the writing aloud, the words sound natural
- Complex and simple sentences are used to promote rhythm in the language