

Sample of an essay score 3

Experiencing a new environment can be uncomfortable for persons who are trying to handle the experience.

Once I transferred to SJSU I had to deal with many new things here. I am majoring in engineering and math but many classes are filled up. I had to try to add classes on the first day. I had to sit on the floor and wait and wait. But I was the only one kept coming so I got the class after two weeks.

I am living on campus and I eat in the dining commons a place with many fried foods. I want to eat more fruits and vegetables, but it's hard when you have hot dogs, fries, overcooked rice, spaghetti and many fatty foods.

I also had to get used to lots of homeworks. Teachers in San Jose State expect you to study many hours, they don't always think you have other classes, you have to go to work. Students must work and be students at once, it's not easy at all. This can make you uncomfortable.

I am learning a lot at SJSU by being a student and working. I can tell other students to not schedule too much stuff and try to have time to study and to work a little but not too much, and to have some leisure time to relax.

Reader response

This writer does not provide sufficient detail for points. The essay consists of five short paragraphs, often with only a couple of sentences for development. There are multiple errors, including comma splices and plurals, but these errors are less serious than the multiple errors found in the two papers.