

## SAMPLE ESSAY

"Have you ever thought **about what is** the real goal of your life?" Some students want to be the top students in their classes. Some want to be the richest person in the world, **and or** some people just want to have financial stability.

A simple rule for using numbers in scientific and technical writing is that small numbers ranging from one to ten should generally be spelled out. Larger numbers (i.e., above ten) are written as numerals.



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As adjectives, the difference between "exhausted" and "exhausting" is that "exhausted" is being in a state of exhaustion while "exhausting" is very tiring.



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"Despite" means "not prevented by," so it doesn't fit the context of this sentence. Consider replacing it.



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As adjectives, the difference between "satisfied" and "satisfying" is that "satisfied" means being in a state of satisfaction while "satisfying" is something that satisfies.



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For formal speeches, scholarly papers, and the like, sentences should be re-written to avoid starting any sentence with such conjunctions as "however" and others.



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When I was 14, I decided to study **alone** in Singapore, known worldwide for academic excellence, especially in math and science. Studying at a language school **for a about-one** year and a half, I was able to enter one of the top local secondary schools as an express student, and I ended up being one of the top students **in since** the first semester. Furthermore, I was chosen to study in the most advanced math and science **classes** since grade **nine 9**. I did not only study hard but was chosen to be the head of the Malaysian dancing club, even **thought** I was the only person **who was with** non-Malaysian and **had** no Malaysian dancing experience. I **rather** viewed myself as a leader, not a boss; I **who** listened and gave **give** advice, not orders. Even **though** balancing my busy schedule was extremely **exhausting exhausted**, I still remained one of the top students and led my dancing team to perform on Singapore National Day, the biggest celebration in Singapore.

As time passed, I **did do** not like it when my life **started starts** feeling like a routine. I **wanted want** to explore, take **on** challenges and learn new things **every day, everyday** not waste wasting time doing the same thing. I then decided to open my small online business platform on Instagram, which mainly sold goods from Singapore to Thailand. Starting **with by** **having** no one **believing to-believe** in the site, it **had** successfully gained a **lot-of** profit within one year. I was extremely satisfied with the result. **Despite** **In addition to** the increased sales, it also increased the daily **challenges challenging** that I had to deal with. **However,** I was ultimately hooked by **the-its** never-ending challenges. I was always looking for a better approach **to at** promoting, engaging customers, and **reducing reduce** obstacles.

Believing that every human **has have** a power to change the world, I decided to volunteer **in at** Kenya, South Africa, as an English teacher during a school break. It was life-changing for me. As an adult, I **i** asked one of my students what she **wanted** to be. She simply answered, with the most beautiful smile, "I want to be happy." This suddenly **changed both sparked me** how I see the world and my interest. Yes, when we grow up as **an** working adults, it becomes less important for us to be happy. It is the wrong idea. I feel that **success to-be-successful-it** should start with falling in love with your job. When I was back **in to-my** school, I decided to quit even though I **had have** two more years before **graduation t-graduate**. In my mind, studying business was my answer. I do not want to end my life working in advanced science and math major. I passed the GED and decided to study in Seattle, a land of business opportunity.

In 2017, I **entered enter** college as a **an** business student. My first job started when the teacher in charge of the writing center recommended me for a tutoring job due to an **excellent excellence** performance in my English class. Writing tutor was the most difficult job compared to **others other subjects**. Communication is one of the most important keys, not only requiring **me** to improve my English skills **every day, but everyday, I-need** to be open-minded to understand the mindset of the writer so that we can work **in toward** the same direction. Most importantly, having a chance to teach different students with diverse **nationalities and backgrounds nationality-and-background**, I **managed to develop it-creates** a global mindset through a hundred different stories that I had read, leading to more cultural awareness when I delivered my messages so that **students they** would not feel defensive when we discussed the ideas for their papers, **resulting resulted** in the most beneficial writing sessions.

**Having** **By-having** a busy **work working and study studying** schedule, **it** did not stop me from investing in new business. I **coinvested** in a recent online platform with my friends. I **was t-am** mainly responsible for marketing. This **was is** the hardest accomplishment I have ever done. No matter how many times I **had** tried to advertise, the result was still not **satisfying satisfied**. Our company **was were** about to fail. As a marketer, I decided to risk it all for the last campaign even though my friends were all **giving given** up because they did not want to create any further losses. "Never lose your hope," that is the quote that I live on. We put the last investment in the last campaign and it was successful; the profit has now reached \$1600/month. **However, by** **By** focusing too much on recovering my business, it was the first time I received an F (in the spring quarter) in my whole life. **However, Nevertheless**, life needs to move on and I will never repeat the same mistake again. With better time management, I repeated a precalculus class and have passed all the tests with a B so far while still **gaining** an increasing profit for the company.

The Foster School of Business **undergraduate program is ranked Undergraduate-Program-is-awarded** as one of the best in the country, especially for marketing, which is the area that I want to study and improve on, and which **will is-going-to be** most beneficial for my current business as well as a future investment. Based on the school website, it **can be been** seen that I appreciate both academic as well as business experience in the real world. Most importantly, I am really interested in a UW internship abroad, which will provide a great opportunity for me to learn marketing and international business across **borders, the-countries** because nowadays a country cannot survive effectively by itself. The success of a nation depends on different factors, including international trade as well as global innovation and entrepreneurs.

**Whenever** **Even-though** I have failed **many-times**, my business passion has always driven me to keep pushing forward. I do not know how my business story will end, but **in as-you-can-see-that-there-is** no part of my life **that-I have I ever** given up on something I really wanted, **especially, even** **for** the University of Washington.

"Though" is a conjunction, like "and" "but" and "or". It is used when the writer wants to point out a problem, a conflict, or counterpoint. "Thought," on the other hand, is the act of thinking now or at any point in the past.



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"Everyday" is an adjective, so it's the one that is used in front of a noun to describe something as normal or commonplace. "Every day" is an adjective + a noun, and it means each day.



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As a noun, "excellence" is the quality of being "excellent."



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"However" is a useful word that is often overused. In many cases, it need not be used at all, and should at least be replaced by alternatives.



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We use "even" to refer to something surprising, unexpected, unusual or extreme. The word "especially" fits better here, as it emphasizes the importance of one thing among others.



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