

Instructions

Write an essay on the given topic keeping the following points in mind:

- Write a minimum of **300** words
- Have a clear introduction stating your opinion
- Write about two to three body paragraphs stating your main ideas with supporting examples
- Write a conclusion that will wrap up your essay and reinforce your main ideas in different words
- Use transitional elements like "next," "therefore," "finally," etc., to link sentences, ideas, paragraphs, etc., and to make your essay flow smoothly

Topic

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Good teachers are more important to a child's development than good parents. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Original Essay

It is quite difficult to tell to agree or disagree to this subject. To begin with, what is good teacher or good parents? I don't think we can easily share the opinions since each person has different ideas about them, especially these days in Japan. In general, teachers give wisdom to children so that they can make their life by themselves after grown-up. And the role of parents is to bring up their children with affection and train them. In fact both of them have own role for children, in other words, they are essential in child development; therefore I don't agree that good teachers are more important to a child development than good parents.

There is an example on a case in the roles balance disruption between teachers and parents; after 80s in Japan, many parents struggle to send their children to cram schools after school lessons to enroll their children in establishments affiliated with prestigious universities. They push forcibly their children to study for a long time a day, and put most of their energy for children's education not for parenting. So what happened to these children after their grown-up? Consequently they say people with lack of moral sense and sociality have been increasing, and some of them set up something terrible and bad cases which never happened before or thing we never thought. I think it is an indication that parenting is very important for a child development, and it is impossible even for very good teacher to cover all their children in such a hectic time we are forcing now.

So I disagree that you put your value on good teacher not on good parents since good parents are also essential in a child development as well.

Below is your edited essay with an explanation of the existing strengths of your writing with suggestions for improvement.

Insertions: Red; Deletions: Strikethroughs in blue

The idioms and idiomatic structures have been highlighted

It is quite difficult to tell **whether** to agree or disagree ~~to-on~~ this subject. To begin with, ~~what~~**who is-are** good teachers or good parents? I ~~don't-do not~~ think we can easily ~~share-form~~ these opinions since each person has different ideas about them, especially ~~these days-in~~ Japan **these days**. In general, teachers ~~give-impart~~ **wisdom-knowledge** to children so that they can **make their life-living** ~~by themselves independently after grown-up~~ as adults. ~~And-t~~ The role of parents, **on the contrary**, is to bring up their children with affection and train them. In fact, both ~~of them~~ have **their own** **roles to play** ~~for children,-;~~; in other words, they are essential in a child's overall development~~,-. therefore-Therefore,~~ I ~~don't-do not~~ agree that good teachers are more important to a child's development than good parents¹.

There is an example ~~on-of~~ a case ~~in-the-of~~ ~~roles-balance~~ disruption of ~~role-balance~~ between teachers and parents~~,-. after-~~In Japan, since the 80s~~-in-Japan~~, many parents **have** struggled to send their children to cram schools after **regular** school lessons to enroll their children in establishments affiliated ~~with-to~~ prestigious universities. They ~~push-~~forcibly **push** their children to study for a long time ~~a-each day,~~ and put most of their energy ~~for-into~~ their children's education, not ~~for-in~~ parenting. ~~So-w~~What **happened** happens to these children after ~~their-they~~ grown-up? Consequently, they say, people with a lack of moral sense and sociality have been increasing~~,-; and-~~ some of them ~~set-up~~ **something** do terrible things, and ~~bad-~~cases ~~which-that~~ never happened before or ~~thing~~ ~~were~~ never thought of, **frequently occur**. I think it is an indication that parenting is very important for a child's development, and it is impossible even for a very good teacher to ~~cover-look after~~ all their children **equally** in such a hectic time **as** we are **forcing-facing** now².

~~So-Therefore,~~ I disagree that you **should** ~~put-your~~ value only good teachers, not ~~on-~~good parents since ~~good-parents~~ the latter are also essential ~~in-a-child-development~~ for a child's progress ~~as-well~~³.

COMMENTS

1 **Introduction** **Strengths:** Relevant and balanced point about the influence that teachers and parents have on children.

Focus areas: Abrupt, confusing beginning of the argument.

Loss of focus due to clubbing of too many ideas

How to improve: The reader is not aware of the topic. Therefore, a sudden plunge into the discussion will be confusing. An essay aims to convey a message to the reader. Therefore, specify at the beginning what you are going to discuss. You could reframe the topic question or begin with a general statement thus:

Both teachers and parents play a vital role in a child's growth and maturation. It is difficult to decide who plays a more important role. It is a complex issue that does not have a clear-cut answer.

This explains to the reader the topic and your dilemma. The rhetorical question can then follow. It will thus focus the reader's attention on

		<p>the issue. Clarity of thought and expression is very important in a TOEFL essay.</p> <p>The introduction should contain an overall view of the topic whereas specific details should be discussed individually in the body paragraphs. "In general, teachers... and train them" elaborates on the distinct roles of teachers and parents. These points explaining your stance should be conveyed more clearly in a new paragraph to provide the apt focus and to achieve the desired impact.</p> <p>Language Tips</p> <p>Edited: In general, teachers giveimpart wisdomknowledge to children so that they can make their lifeliving by themselvesindependently aftergrown-up as adults.</p> <p>Phrase choice: The verb "give" is slightly awkward when used in conjunction with "wisdom." "Give" is usually used to mean to "let somebody have something as a gift or to use for some time." <i>Example: Tom decided to <u>give</u> Jane a book for her birthday.</i></p> <p>Since you wish to imply that teachers are responsible for helping students to gain mastery over certain subjects, use the phrase "imparting knowledge." The verb "imparting" is frequently used with nouns like, "knowledge," "information," etc. <i>Example: He loves to <u>impart</u> knowledge on his favorite subject to all interested listeners.</i></p>
2	Body paragraph 1	<p>Strengths: Exceptionally good example that justifies your stance.</p> <p>Focus areas: Organizational imbalance due to clubbing of too many ideas in a paragraph.</p> <p>How to improve: The point regarding the distribution of role-balance should be discussed in a new paragraph. To differentiate clearly between the example and the inference that you have drawn, it is better to deal with these in distinct paragraphs.</p> <p>Language Tips</p> <p>Edited: Consequently, they say, people with a lack of moral sense and sociality have been increasing, ; and some of them set up something do terrible things, and bad cases whichthat never happened before or thingwere never thought of, frequently occur.</p> <p>Phrase choice: The phrase "set up" is typically used to mean "to arrange for something to happen." <i>Example: She <u>set up</u> a meeting with Tom for next Friday.</i></p> <p>When you wish to imply that some people resort to crime and other anti-social behavior, it is more apt to use the phrase "do terrible things." <i>Example: During the Great Depression people <u>did terrible things</u> to stay alive.</i></p>
3	Conclusion	<p>Strengths: Clearly summarized the topic and restated your stance.</p> <p>Focus areas: Sketchy conclusion.</p> <p>How to improve: The conclusion gives the impression that you</p>

	<p>rounded off the essay in a hurry or that the word/time limit was not well-managed. This could suggest lack of proper planning of your writing. Ensure that all the essay components are well-structured and receive equal focus. The conclusion is as important as the introduction. Refer to the <u>How to Write a TOEFL Essay</u> handout to see how to shape each component of your essay more effectively.</p> <p>Language Tips</p> <p>Edited: SoTherefore, I disagree that you should put yourvalue only good teachers, not ongood parents since good parentsthe latter are also essential in a child developmentfor a child's progress as well.</p> <p>Repetition: Avoid repeating the phrase "good parents" in quick succession. Instead, use the phrase "the latter." Similarly, "in a child development," is a repetitive usage. This is monotonous. The edit uses a different phrase: "for a child's progress."</p>
Time and Word limit	<p>You should complete the TOEFL essay within 30 minutes. Spend the first five minutes ideating and organizing your stance. Complete the task in the next 20 minutes. In the last five minutes, proofread your writing for inadvertent grammar, spelling, or mechanical errors. Strictly adhere to the time division as it enables you to write conclusively in the given time.</p> <p>In the TOEFL exam, you should write a minimum of 300 words. Take advantage of the word limit and elaborate on your ideas clearly. Your essay is 291 words long. Ensure that from the next assignment onward you write at least 300 words.</p>

Essay Rating

Parameter	Rating
Content and ideas	Very good
Organization of thought	Good
Structure	Satisfactory
Stylistics	Satisfactory
Mechanics and grammar	Good

Your essay's grade: B+

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There is an example of a case of disruption of role-balance between teachers and parents. In Japan, since the 80s, many parents have struggled to send their children to cram schools after regular school lessons to enroll their children in establishments affiliated to prestigious universities. They forcibly push their children to study for a long time each day and put most of their energy into their children's education, not in parenting. What happens to these children after they grow up? Consequently, they say, people with a lack of moral sense and sociality have been increasing; some of them do terrible things, and cases that never happened before or were never thought of, frequently occur. I think it is an indication that parenting is very important for a child's development, and it is impossible even for a very good teacher to look after all the children equally in such a hectic time as we are facing now.

Therefore, I disagree that you should value only good teachers, not good parents since the latter are also essential for a child's progress.