

Writing an Introductory Paragraph for an Expository Essay

Prompt

Read the following:

If you're like many Americans, you have just spent a few days in close quarters with your parents, grandchildren, siblings, etc. You're ready to go home, or ready for them to go home. But for a growing number of families in which adult children can't afford to live on their own, this is the new normal.

These "boomerang" children have been the butt of jokes on late-night television and even in commercials, but what's so bad about moving back in with your parents?

Think carefully about the following question: Could extended families under one roof—a common arrangement in years past—be the way of the future?

Write (the introductory paragraph of) an essay explaining whether extended families living under one roof will become a common arrangement for most Americans or remain a temporary solution for only a few.

Be sure to

- clearly state your controlling idea;
- organize and develop your explanation effectively;
- choose your words carefully for the purpose and audience; and
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences.

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(You may also write on the back of this handout.)