

## Example\Illustration Paragraphs

### Stealing from their companies

Although they don't consider it stealing, many people regularly take things from their companies. The most common items to disappear are pens and pencils that employees almost unconsciously stuff into their purses, knapsacks, or briefcases. Over time, they may accumulate quite a stash of them. Another big item is all kinds of paper: pads of lined paper, handy little notepads that can be used for shopping lists and phone messages, and file folders to organize home records. Yet another innocent theft is the long-distance personal phone call. Those calls cost the company in two ways: They use company time for personal business, and the company has to pay for the calls. Even though companies may have special discounted telephone rates, no call is free. Finally, one of the more significant ways people steal is by taking home samples of the products the company makes: food, clothing supplies, and so on. Employees seem to think they are entitled to these products and even give them to friends. By doing so, they hurt the company by robbing it of a product it depends on for revenue. These examples may not seem like stealing, but the results are the same: extra costs to the company, which may result in lower pay raises.

### Sounds and Shapes

Sound has shaped the bodies of many beasts. Noise tapped away at the bullfrog until his ears became bigger than his eyes. Now he hears so well that at the slightest sound of danger he quickly plops to safety under a sunken leaf. The rabbit has long ears to hear the quiet "whoosh" of the owl's wings, while the grasshopper's ears are on the base of his abdomen, the lowest point of his body, where he can detect the tread of a crow's foot or the stealthy approach of a shrew. (Jean George, "That Astounding Creature--Nature." *Reader's Digest*, January 1964)

### University Presidents

University presidents once spoke their conscience on matters of great public importance. In the early 1950s, many protested the loyalty oaths that required faculty members to forswear membership in the Communist Party. One of the most courageous critics of McCarthyism was Nathan Pusey, first as president of Lawrence College in Senator Joseph McCarthy's hometown of Appleton, Wisconsin, then as president of Harvard. In the 1960s, some university presidents openly opposed the war in Vietnam. Even at the cost of donor support, Yale president Kingman Brewster Jr. publicly contested the war and decried the inequities in the draft. He permitted protest demonstrations and skillfully kept the Yale campus open and relatively calm. (James Lawrence Powell, "Universities Fail on Climate." *The Nation*, February 17, 2014)

### Life Out of Death in the Forest

All through the forest life was rising from death. Along the length of every moldering, fallen tree seedlings were rooted, young trees were growing. Often we would see four or five giant spruces rising in a perfectly straight line as though--like peas in a garden plot--their seeds had been planted along a taut string. In their case the string was six feet thick, a log perhaps 200 feet long. Many seedlings sprout on these fallen "nurse trees" but only a few survive the first years of competition. We came upon roots that extended five feet or more down the sides of moldering logs and once, where a tree had begun growing at the top of a massive stub, roots dropped fully a dozen feet to reach the mold of the forest floor. (Edwin Way Teale, "Land of the Windy Raid." *Autumn Across America: A Naturalist's Record of a 20,000-Mile Journey Through the North American Autumn*. Dodd, Mead, 1956)

### Fun things to do in Great Falls

Many enjoyable activities in this area are inexpensive or even free. One of the favorites for recreational people in Great Falls is the River's Edge Trail. It is a beautiful walk along the river that goes for miles and there are many places to stop and enjoy the view. Along the way there is also Giant Springs which is a gorgeous place to have a picnic and feed giant fish or even go fishing in

the river for a while. Another favorite for the recreational type is Gibson Park. It is a great place to take children and feed ducks, play on outdoor equipment, or have a picnic. For people who like to skateboard play basketball or throw horseshoes, these things are all offered just on the side of Gibson Park. If you like to play in water there when it's hot you can go to the Electric City Water Park. There is a pool to cool off in which is an inexpensive way to have fun, but another option is the Wave Rider which is a bit more expensive. People who enjoy movies would like the Carmike Ten. It has many different theaters with a wide selection of movies. If you like to kick back, sit in the stands and watch cars race, the stock cars is the place for you. There are many ways to have fun in Great Falls without Spending a Fortune.

### **College Students**

Many college students face a number of pressures. For instance, many students have to manage a job while at the same time balancing their school work. This can be very stressful for a college student. Students also face many financial pressures. For example, numerous students have to pay for their college on their own. This gives them no other alternative but to take out student loans. Which could leave them in debt for many years. Another example of financial pressures for students is having to support a family while attending college. Supporting a family while attending college can be extremely difficult. Finally, many college students go to college in different cities and states and have to make new friends and adjust to a different atmosphere. Being a college student can be very rewarding but, there may also be a lot of pressures that need to be dealt with.

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### **Wrestling**

Wrestlers put in lots of time and effort to even become considered great or even somewhat good. Wrestlers run five miles every morning and lift in the mornings as a team. Practice goes from two or two and a half hours a day. Practice includes takedowns and other technique work for athletes. They also have live matches and intense conditioning after words. Many serious wrestlers have to work extra by doing a hundred takedowns and stand ups a day to make themselves better. Dieting and strike workouts runs many wrestlers lives by having to make their weight limit every week. To be wrestlers, people have to be mentally tough and physically tough. It is a sport made for men, not little boys.