

Attachment E: Relevant and Irrelevant Details

Part One:

You are out shopping one day when you see some amazing sights. You want to tell your friends, but your phone will not make calls and you are only able to put ten words in a text.

After you read about each amazing sight below, choose the most important words to use to write your ten-word text.

1. The bakery on Arch Street is giving away free doughnuts to all teens from 12 noon to 3 p.m. They have glazed doughnuts, chocolate ones, sprinkles, and more. In order to get the free doughnuts, you have to be wearing your school gym shirt and have a school ID. There is a long line already.

Ten-Word Text:

2. You are passing the memorial fountain when you notice your gym teacher wearing a pink bathing suit and splashing in the water with a monkey. You are not sure, but you think your teacher is singing a song by Justin Bieber. There are some people watching but most are watching the soccer game on the nearby field.

Ten-Word Text:

3. You see a person dressed as a giant corndog, carrying a sign, and handing out coupons for 10% off any purchase at The Hotdog Hut. The person keeps repeating the phrase, "The Hotdog Hut makes me hot-dog happy!" As you walk by, you realize the giant corndog is your math teacher.

Ten-Word Text:

Part Two:

Answer the questions below about choosing relevant details.

1. Explain how you decided which words were relevant (important) for use in your ten-word text.

2. Explain how you decided which words were irrelevant (not necessary) for use in your ten-word text.

3. If you were teaching a friend about relevant and irrelevant details, how would you explain the difference?
