

Good introduction, lead in. You were able to identify your topic and give some personal information.

Great analogy! This allows your readers to connect to your essay, even if they have never ridden before. Fantastic!

So the engine was ruined and couldn't be fixed? Tell me more about it. Plus, how did you feel when your very first bike got ruined? Think of some emotions you could identify in a sentence and then expand on that. Were you angry, furious, distraught, disappointed or where you happy because that meant you could get another bike? Take your memory back to that event and write about it.

Is the price important? Do you need that detail for any particular reason? Was it a good deal? Where you surprised how much your dad spent on you?

Now that you have experience riding dirt bikes, how would you describe how it feels to ride? You used a great example in the beginning, now give me another example.

That is a very fast bike. How fun!

The first time I road a dirt bike was back when I was 7. It was my birthday I got my first 50cc suzuki dirt bike . The first time you ride a dirt bike is like first learning how to walk it is exciting and you don't want to stop. A couple weeks later I had a bad day on my bike I had my helmet on and could barley hear my surroundings and I did not know my dad had already started the bike and I did not know so I tried to start it and when I did that I shot the engine.

A few years after that my dad bought me my own honda 70cc brand new for \$2,000 . That out of all my bikes my honda is my favorite it is the fastest and that bike actually fits me I can ride it and it goes pretty fast. Whenever I go dirt bike riding I bring my dad and cousin with me. My cousin has the same dirt bike as me and my dad has a 650cc 4wheeler made by bombadeir it goes about 80 mph in 3rd gear and he has 7 gears so it goes really fast.

Dear Writer,

Hello and thank you for being brave enough to share you writing with me. I look forward to seeing your writing skills develop and grow with our correspondences. Above you can read specific comments to the left of your essay. These comments are suggestions to help you further develop your ideas or change somethings that might be confusing for your readers which I will include each correspondence. I will also be writing you a short letter each time to help you along.

When I first read your paper, I noticed you had good organization. You had two clear, separate paragraphs that clearly gave your ideas structure. Good job. I also felt, as a reader, that you chose a good topic that is well suited for you. I could imagine what your personality is like when reading your essay, which is a key aspect of a well written personal piece. I know you will be able to expand easily on what you have written so far because of this.

Please do not get overwhelmed with the amount of comments I have written. Just because I give you quite a bit of feedback doesn't mean your paper is poorly written. In fact, you are off to a good start. I suggest continuing on by further developing what you have written based on the comments. Then add another paragraph or two about the kinds of adventures you've had together with your cousin and dad when you've ridden together. You've setup the perfect lead in for telling your readers about what goes on when you all ride together. My family grew up around motorcycles and dirt bikes too. We've had a lot of fun, but we have also gotten hurt. What about you? Begin to think about this in your

classroom, at recess, at home, and so on. That way you come prepared for your next writing session.

Keep up the good work! I am curious to know more about your experiences. I can see you have the ability to spin a good story.

Sincerely,
Your Reader