

“ As I freewrote about the disadvantages of my car, I wrote everything that came to mind when I thought about my car. I didn't worry about writing correctly, so there are fragments and grammar errors in my freewriting. The important thing is to get ideas on paper without stopping to think about or be distracted by what is correct or incorrect. ”

I hate my car. Always afraid of breaking down and being late for work and then not being able to pay to get it towed or get it fixed. I hate dealing with mechanics and never knowing whether to trust what they're telling me about what is wrong with the car and what needs to be fixed. The worst part is the fear of being stranded on the road by myself or with one of the kids, and these days it's not paranoia, but a realistic fear. The kids would say, you worry for nothing mom. For them the worst part is the way the car looks, rusted fenders and scratched paint, not shiny and new like most of their friends parents cars.

Peer Example

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Listing

Another way to generate ideas is listing. Don't worry about trying to write in sentences; just list words or phrases that come to mind when you focus on your topic. Focus on your topic by visualizing it, and write a list of everything that comes to mind. Try to see the topic in your mind's eye and be aware of all the senses—sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch.

“ Here is an example of the list I came up with for the topic “the disadvantages of my car.” ”

- breaking down—late for work
- Mr. Rains angry at me and not believing my car broke down
- then having to deal with the car
- towing it
- the cost, and where to take it
- which garage to trust—who to believe when I don't know if it's the ignition or a hose
- fear of being stranded
- long dark road home
- afraid of crazy person
- kids embarrassed when I drop them off at school
- they want new car
- I can't afford the payments

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