

Topic 3: Write about your family

My name is Sachiko, and I am a housewife. **There are five of us** in my family ~~is 5 of us: myself, my husband and our~~ ~~I have my husband and~~ three sons. My husband works for a tour company that specializes in education related events in Hawaii. Sometimes he goes to Hawaii on business. I envy him very much. ~~The first~~ **My oldest** son is 13 years old and he is in **his second year of junior** high school ~~student, second grader~~. My second son is **eight** years old. He goes to a public elementary school. My ~~last~~ **youngest** son is ~~still~~ **only six** 6-years old. He goes to a ~~the~~ **same** kindergarten that I used to go to.

All of my sons enjoy playing soccer **and** ~~They belong to a~~ **the** same local soccer team. Once in a while, the team has ~~an a~~ special event ~~that~~ **where** parents and children can play together. I don't like it because ~~I don't want to play any sports.~~ **However**, I like my sons to play soccer. After they play, they don't have enough energy left to fight each other at home, **and** **they** sleep well. It is so peaceful! I don't like rainy days. If their soccer practice is canceled, they stay at home and fight. I have to scream a lot to stop their fighting. ~~In~~ **On** rainy days they ~~look~~ **are** **like** powerful monsters. ~~But~~ **but** **when** ~~while~~ they are sleeping, they look like angels.

Teacher's Comments: I really enjoyed reading about your family! Do you ever get to travel to Hawaii with your husband and children? I have only been there once with my husband; it really is an enchanting place. Your descriptions of your sons really came to life in your final paragraph. To make your writing stronger, try to use more comparisons (are like powerful monsters/look like angels). I would have liked to know more about your family members' personalities and their interests. In addition to telling the reader about your sons' ages and schools, you can add another sentence about them to make your essay more interesting. For example: My youngest son is quiet, but very smart for his age. Overall, great job!

Comment [e1]: When talking about how many, you should say there are...

Comment [e2]: When talking about our children's ages we usually say "oldest," "second," (third, fourth, etc) and "youngest."

Comment [e3]: For elementary schools, you can use "second grader." For junior high school, you can say "second of junior high school."

Comment [e4]: Typically, for numbers smaller than 10, spell out the number. For numbers larger than 10, you can use the numeral.

Comment [e5]: You are talking about a specific kindergarten, so you should say **the**

Comment [e6]: Team or club?

Comment [e7]: Typically, "an" only comes before vowels **a/e/i/o/u**. See this link for exceptions:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/591/01/>

Comment [e8]: 'I don't like to play sports' or 'I don't enjoy playing sports' Sounds more natural here.

Comment [e9]: Use **like** to compare things: **are like/look like**

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取消線・・・先生が削除した文章
赤色・・・先生が追加した文章
青色・・・先生のアドバイス
緑・・・先生のコメント