

Your local newspaper is sponsoring a contest titled “Making a Difference.” Students have been encouraged to write an essay on how they can “make a difference” by improving their school or local community. The winning essay will be published in the education section of the newspaper.

Write an essay for the newspaper editor in which you propose a solution to make your school or community a better place.

As you write your essay for the newspaper editor, remember to

- Focus on your solution for what could make your school or community a better place.
- Choose words that are well suited to the purpose, audience, and context of your essay.
- Organize your essay so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details that clearly develop your essay.
- Edit your essay for standard grammar and language usage.

Use the blank sheet of paper given to you by your teacher to plan your essay. Anything you write on the blank sheet will not be scored. You must write the final copy of your essay on pages 3 and 4 of your test booklet.

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