

My Greatest Accomplishment

Introduction: Introduce the topic of my greatest accomplishment—learning to ride a bicycle. This paragraph would discuss why this was my greatest accomplishment and then list three points I want to discuss about the topic. Here is a sample thesis statement: Learning to ride a bicycle is very memorable because I went with my dad to pick out the new bike, my dad helped me practice for days in the yard, and I really felt a sense of freedom when I rode off without his help.

Example introduction: We work hard to accomplish a lot of different things in our lives. Accomplishments give us great satisfaction. They make us believe that we can do anything we want to do. One of my greatest accomplishments is learning to ride a bicycle. Learning to ride a bicycle is very memorable because I went with my dad to pick out the new bike, my dad helped me practice for days in the yard, and I really felt a sense of freedom when I rode off without his help.

Body: For this part of the essay I would have a separate paragraph for each of the points in the discussion. In each paragraph I would be sure to restate the main idea in a topic sentence. This is where I would add interesting details so that the reader would enjoy my story. I could even add some dialogue between me and my dad to make it really interesting. Each body paragraph should have a minimum of 5 sentences, but since this is a story, you will probably have more than that. Just remember that you want everything in the same paragraph to support the topic sentence for that paragraph.

Example first body paragraph: On a very sunny Saturday morning, I went to Wal-Mart with my dad to pick out a new bicycle. I was so excited because it was going to be a big girl bike. He had told me I could choose any color I wanted, and I knew I wanted a colorful basket on the front. We looked at all of the bikes in Wal-Mart, and I even rode a few of them down the long aisle. Of course, they still had the training wheels attached. We picked out a shiny pink bike with a white basket on the front. I could not wait to get home and start practicing.

Conclusion: Here, I will restate my thesis statement again to start my summary. This will not have to be the exact same words that were used in the introduction, but the same points have to be in the same order. This is called parallelism. After restating the thesis, summarize what you have talked about in the body paragraphs. This should only be 3-4 sentences.

Example conclusion: Learning to ride a bicycle all by myself is a great accomplishment because I went with my dad to pick out the new bike, my dad helped me practice for days in the yard, and I really felt independent when I rode off without his help. Shopping for a bike in Wal-Mart with my dad was very fun because I got to test out some of the bikes. For the next several days, we practiced in the yard and even down the sidewalk. While this was scary, I was too excited to notice. Now, I can ride everywhere without the training wheels and without my dad holding onto the seat. It is a great feeling of accomplishment!