

UC Prompt:

Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

I erased the whiteboard, and rewrote the coding problem: Print a list of 10 odd numbers by using for-loops in C#. For some reason, she continued to struggle. I continuously grew frustrated at myself. I started asking questions to myself: is my explanation lacking in clarity?

One year ago, I very much faced the same struggles as her. Every day, just learning and then doing the coding problems was a struggle. I reached out for help from my teacher, and tried everything in my ability to improve and comprehend the concepts faster.

Over time, I became adjusted to the constant trial and error of code working properly that I began to enjoy it. Writing and rewriting code gave a surge of determination and patience, which brought me joy to keep going. At the end of year, my teacher came up to me and gave me a yellow slip of paper. The yellow slip of paper was a tutor nomination with my name on it; he looked up at me and said, "Come, tutor my class next year". Jokingly, I said yes, but little did I know that I actually did go and tutor his class the following year.

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Comments from our team:


- Writing style/refinement Comments:


- Overall, great job on this essay. Most of our comments have to do w/ overall refinement.
- Ask yourself at every sentence: is this the absolute BEST way I can write this? Yes, it's meticulous, but that level of attention to detail will allow everything to flow and sound fantastic.
- You have a tendency to be repetitive (using the same word often in back to back sentences, redundant ideas) -- we made notes on that, so take a look.
- Also, ask yourself: can I write this sentence in a more concise (and stronger) way? You'll notice that another theme in our comments has to do w/ conveying the same idea, but w/ less words. This is important b/c it frees up word count for you, and gives you more space to include additional details you may not have had space to, before.


- Content related comments:


- This will be the biggest opportunity for you. This is a leadership essay. How is tutoring, in the way you describe it, leadership? Answer that in your essay.
- Moreover, did working w/ this student give you insight into being a better leader? If so, how? In other words, how did this event launch you to be a better leader in general?
- Remember, this isn't a "tell us about an extracurricular" essay. So, make sure you center your story and ideas around what leadership means to YOU.


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11:24 AM Oct 22 [Resolve](#) ⋮
she = who?


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11:25 AM Oct 22 [Resolve](#) ⋮
refrain from using the same word "continue/continually" in back to back sentences like this!
Typically, it means you can combine the sentences if this happens.
Alternatively, you could easily find a synonym.


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myself x2 in back to back sentences again.

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"she did."
Given it seems like this student is someone you are tutoring and she is making more than 1 appearance in your essay, I would name her.


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11:28 AM Oct 22 [Resolve](#) ⋮
Grammatically a bit off. It needs a subject. Consider making something like this your own:


Learning and completing the coding problems was a struggle for me, almost daily.

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Little details like adding in the name of the class, name of the teacher could make this more personal.

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Can you see how these two sentences are fairly redundant?
constant trial and error...
writing and rewriting...
They both gave you the joy to keep going.
So, I recommend combining the ideas in these two sentences.

Consider making something like this your own:
Over time, I adjusted to the constant trial and error of code of programming, which gave me a surge of determination and joy that kept me going.
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"yellow slip of paper" in back to back sentences like this means you can combine the sentences to make it concise and refined.

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grammar issue. Also, you need a "he said" tag. However, there are most likely better words you can use that "said"

"Come, tutor my class next year," he said.