



## English II: Writing: Module 5: Lesson 4: Section 3

Relevant Evidence and Details

Revising for Relevancy

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**Instructions:** Here are some passages from an essay on “How I Made Good Friends by Volunteering.” See if you can add a sentence or two to make the evidence in each passage clearly relevant. You will have to assume that the author of this essay did actually make good friends by volunteering, and you will have to imagine how that might have happened in each of the example experiences summarized below in order to add the appropriate connection to the thesis. After you finish, mouse over the “Suggested Revision” button for a sample response.

1. Last year, I decided to volunteer at the film festival. I like going to movies and talking about movies, so I thought this would be a great thing to do. When I heard that the festival needed volunteers, I signed up online and went to an orientation meeting at the Paramount theatre the following week. Six other people showed up.

**Write your revision in the box below:**

**Suggested Revision**



2. There were several nights of the festival, and there were different activities every night. On the first night, I was supposed to stand out in the lobby and direct people who wanted to pick up prepaid badges or buy single tickets. A girl named Stephanie was also standing in the lobby. Sometimes when no one needed directions, Stephanie and I talked about the festival movies.

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3. Some of the things I had to do as a volunteer were not so much fun. Once I had to stand at a sponsor's table and hand out promotional leaflets about the sponsor's new products. The sponsor was a car dealership, and since I don't know much about cars, I couldn't really get into the sales-pitch mode. Whenever anyone asked something about the cars, I had to ask Antonio, another volunteer, to answer the question. I thought maybe Antonio would get annoyed by the whole thing, but he never did.

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4. On the last night of the festival, there was a party for all the volunteers after the film for that night was over. By then I had lots of stories about weird, annoying, and sweet things that the people attending the festival had done. The time went by so fast. I could hardly believe the festival was over. I'll be sure to volunteer again next year.

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