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Writing: 'How To' Essays



Read the sample 'How To' essay below. Then compose a 3 paragraph 'How To' essay explaining how to do something. You may explain how to play a particular sport, wash or clean something, flip, or any other activity of your choosing. Be sure to:

1. Give your essay a topic.
2. Include an introduction (question, sound, interesting fact).
3. Include the materials needed in your first paragraph.
4. Include sequence words.



Washing Your Dog

Have you ever given a dog a bath? Giving a dog a bath can be fun, but it is also a big responsibility. Follow these directions to give your dog a bath.

First, collect all the materials you will need and place them next to the sink or tub. You will need a brush, pet shampoo and clean towels. If you want to wash the dog's face, you will need cotton balls and a washcloth.

Second, before you get the dog wet, test the temperature of the water. Make sure it isn't too hot. Then as you wash the dog, be careful not to get shampoo or water in the dog's ears and eyes. You can put cotton balls in the dog's ears to keep the water out. Just be sure to remember to remove them when you are done. Use the washcloth to clean around the dog's face.

Next, make sure you rinse all of the shampoo from the dog's coat. Finally, use a clean towel to dry the dog thoroughly. Use a brush to make the dog's coat neat and smooth.

Now it is your turn.

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