

3 FOCUS ON WRITING

VOCABULARY

REVIEW

Read the prompt and the forum response posted by one of Professor Duneier's MOOC students. Complete her response using the words above each paragraph.

Now that the course has finished, please write about your experience taking a MOOC. Include information about your past online learning experience, your expectations, the problems and benefits of taking a MOOC, and the overall experience.

assumption via anticipation crucial

When I heard about Professor Duneier's Sociology MOOC, I was excited but also a bit anxious because I had never taken a completely online course before. In _____ 1. of the class, I e-mailed Professor Duneier with many of my questions. He graciously replied, but for him, too, this was going to be a new experience. Knowing this actually helped me to relax a little. One _____ 2. I had about distance learning was that self-motivation and self-discipline would play a _____ 3. role in my success. I knew it would be easy to fall behind because the classes were not going to be at a set time. This turned out to be true. I also knew that learning _____ 4. the Internet might also pose other problems.

virtual adjust collaboration diversity

I would have to _____ 5. to a completely different method of interacting with my teacher and classmates. For example, it seemed to me that _____ 6. between students would be more difficult and, therefore, less common than in a traditional classroom. This actually didn't turn out to be the case. I was able to have _____ 7. interactions with as many students as I wanted or had time for. In addition, because the class included students from more than 100 countries, I was exposed to a _____ 8. of viewpoints.

issue significantly sector enhanced

Being exposed to so many different opinions actually _____ 9. learning. In fact, I think I learned _____ 10. more from my online classmates than I would have from classmates in a small traditional classroom setting. I chose to take this class instead of a traditional class at my university, but this was not the case for a _____ 11. of the student population. For these students, the _____ 12. was not whether to take an online course or a traditional course; their only option was an online course.

dispute overall analyze disappointed

Now that the course is over, I have been able to _____ 13. my MOOC experience. I cannot _____ 14. that there are many drawbacks to taking a completely online course. However, I can truthfully say that I was not _____ 15. with the class, the method of course delivery, or the amount that I learned. Despite some minor problems, the _____ 16. experience by far surpassed my expectations. I look forward to taking another MOOC in the future.

—Jacqui