PET PEEVE

SAMPLE

STUDENT SHORT SPEECHES

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HANDWASHING

Pet Peeve:

When I noticed food service workers handling money and not washing their hands afterwards or not wearing gloves, it really makes me angry. (Pound on the desk.)

I. Background
   A. According to studies done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
      1. One in three E. coli outbreaks is caused by poor personal hygiene, not washing their hands, by food service workers.
      2. E.coli is a germ that causes severe cramps and diarrhea. E. coli is a leading cause of bloody diarrhea. The symptoms are worse in children and older people, and especially in people who have another illness.

II. What happened
   A. Yesterday for lunch, I decided that I would go to Churches Chicken and order their Spicy Chicken sandwich.
      • I was observing the food service worker/order takers.
      • There was one person handling the counter and the other person, handling the drive through line.
      • Not wearing any hair nets or plastic servicing gloves.
      • Both food service workers handling money or credit card purchases / handle the food without washing their
      • The manager asked me what I wanted to order.
         1. He proceeded to take the frozen chicken out of the freezer bag and put it in the deep fryer.
         2. In addition, he was cleaning out the food trays, throwing away food, and doing other things. He then went back to preparing the food.
      1. No gloves, mind you, and no hand washing in between.

III. How I reacted
   A. I left the restaurant

Conclusion:

According to the Centers for Disease control and Prevention, “the most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands”.

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LITTERING

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OUTLINE

Introduction:

I can’t stand people who litter. There is absolutely no reason for people to throw their garbage where others have to clean it up, or worse yet, their trash makes it to our rivers and oceans.

1. People who litter are self-centered and lazy.
   A. They only think about their need of getting rid of their trash.
   B. These people don’t care that there is a trash can ten feet away – they shouldn’t have to walk that far!

2. People who litter do not care about the environment we all share.
   A. They don’t care that they are plugging up storm drains with their garbage, but they are the first ones to complain when the streets are flooded with rain water.
   B. They don’t care that rats and roaches thrive in the garbage that they throw on the ground.
      a Young children and the elderly are very susceptible to the viruses’ and diseases that rats and roaches carry.
      b Littering is a major contributor to the decline of neighborhoods.

3. There is a solution!
   A. Just like the southern California commercials show, dump garbage in their homes.
   B. Back their toilets up just like the storm drains.
      a Give them the same type of clothing that economically poor children or elderly wear and let them wade through the muck in order to turn off the water and unplug their toilet.

People who litter disrespect everyone.
All a person has to do is be respectful and responsible.
Put your litter where it belongs – IN A TRASH CAN!
AUTOMATED MACHINES: MY PET PEEVE

Introduction
How many of you have seen the Citi Bank commercial where a man is trying to get a hold of a customer service representative and, in order to do so, he has to go through a series of automated questions? For those of you that have not, the commercial goes something like this: A man is on his cell phone, while getting ready for work and traveling on the train. You hear on the other end:

Automated Machine: “Please give you security pin”  Man on the train: “Fluffy”
Automated Machine: “Please say your password”  Man on the train: “Big boy”
Automated Machine: “Please Repeat”  Man on the train: “BIG BOY!”
(Meanwhile, people next to him are looking at him like he’s crazy.)
The machine goes on and on with these questions. By the time the man gets a customer service representative on the phone his train goes thru the tunnel and he loses the call.

I. What Peeves me off the most
A. Well, I am here tonight to tell you that automated services that make you repeat yourself and that cannot understand what you are saying really peeve me off! (Hit desk) For crying out loud just put a damn customer service representative on the phone!!!.
B. I start out answering the question fine.
   a. No, yes, Operator & even with that first and second “I’m sorry please repeat that” I am fine.
   b. It is finally with that third, fourth and fifth “please repeat that” that I begin to lose it.
   c. I am then reduced to yelling “OPERATOR” over and over again until the machine gives up on me.

II. Why and how if affects me
A. Although I should not let something as small as this upset me it really does.
B. By the time I finally get to talk to a person I am in the middle of a major anxiety attack, not to mention in a really impatient and bad mood.
C. It also makes me a little more testy and short with the poor representative who gets to deal with me.

III. What can be done – pragmatically speaking - about my pet peeve
A. As I have Already mentioned, I should not get so worked up over something so small, but I am not a real easy going person.
B. I guess what I need to do is relax and just realize that this is an issue that I will have to deal with from time to time.
C. Also these days I just start of by repeating “operator” calmly, until finally I get someone on the other end.

Conclusion – State why it is important to solve this problem
All is all I feel that I need to just learn to deal with this problem because heaven knows it is not going to change and by getting myself upset I am the one who loses in the end. That little operator just goes about her day and I am left sitting in my house steaming mad. And what is the point of that?
Good afternoon everyone,

I am sure that everyone here has been in a situation or met people that get on your last nerve. Well, I had my moment too. I will share with you today what peeves me off the most.

I. What peeves me off the most?
   A. What peeves me off the most is when I have to use the public bathroom and the person before me forgot to flush the toilet.
   B. They also don’t bother to wash their hands and just walk out of the bathroom after using the toilet.
      1. Just imagine yourself shaking their hands. You get to share their germs!

II. How it affects me?
   A. I will have to see all the nasty things in the toilet if they did not flush it.
   B. I will get the germs if I had to shake their hands.
   C. They can pass the germs everywhere they go, to people they meet, and to themselves.
   D. Most diseases can be eliminated by just proper hand washings.
   E. They are the main causes of diseases.
   F. If they get sick, they will spread it to other people around them.

III. What can be done?
   A. Well, I had tried to post some flyers up on the walls to remind them.
   B. I had tried to remind them personally, by word of mouth.
   C. I had tried to teach children proper potty training at an early age.
   D. Most importantly, we are taught sanitizing in health classes.
      1. How germs and bacteria spread and how to take care of ourselves better.

Conclusion:

Although there are classes that inform us about the importance of washing our hands after using the toilet, and I have done everything I could think of to impress the importance, people still don’t get it – or they don’t care. The best thing we can do to protect ourselves and others is by practicing proper bathroom health habits. It would be a safer, healthier world we live in if people would be more considerate and contribute to a more health conscious use of the bathroom.