

Giving Reasons

You have ONLY 2 MINUTES to complete your reasons! Try to do it without notes!

Parts of the Reason	What To Say When Giving Reasons
Introduction:	Are the judges ready? (Wait for response) I placed this class of _____ (nutritious snacks) 4-2-3-1
Thoughts:	I thought this class was.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. An easy class with a definite top pair and a definite bottom pair. • Ex. Difficult class with an easy top pair and bottom pair and a difficult middle pair.
Situation: Explain the scenario. Name major points or items you would looking for in the situation. Example Scenario: Kelly needs to buy a nutritious snack for her little sister. She has \$10 to spend. Please help her find a snack that is low in sugar, has whole grains, and is overall nutritious. (Make sure you talk about the items needed in the scenario and make sure you talk about them in the placing reasons.)	In this scenario, Kelly needs to buy a nutritious snack for your sister. She has \$10 and she needs a snack low in sugar and whole grains.
Placings:	In my top pair...I placed 4 over 2 because (4 is always good nothing bad) In my middle pair...I placed 2 over 3 because (add a criticism and a grant) Example: I criticize that 2 does not have whole grains but grant that it is lower in sugar than 3. In my bottom pair....I placed 3 over 1 (add a criticism and a grant) I placed ____ (1) last because (The last is always bad nothing good)
Conclusion:	Therefore I placed this class of _____ (nutritious snacks) 4-2-3-1

Try to also use transitions such as:

- Next
- Finally

Do not use words like:

- Cheap
- Cheaper
- Cheapest
- Better overall
- Like, um, and

Use words like:

- Grant
- Criticize
- Less/More expensive
- Pairs

When placing Use Pairs:

Placing 1-2-3-4

- Top pair: 1-2
- Middle Pair: 2-3
- Bottom Pair: 3-4

When talking about pairs in reasons, you will talk really about only one product:

- Top pair: 1-2 (Talk about why 1 is the best)
- Middle Pair: 2-3 (Talk about why 2 is better than 3)
- Bottom Pair: 3-4 (Talk about why 3 is better than 4)
- Last: 4 (Talk about why 4 is last)

The product you placed 1st is always good!

The product you placed last is always bad!

Grants and Criticisms:

- Use grants and criticisms at least once in your reasons.
- Grants and criticisms should be used in your middle products only (Example like above: 2 and 3).
- Try to always criticize than grant. Negative followed by positive