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Evaluating Knockout Paragraphs

Directions: Mark the following paragraph, by identifying the _____ pieces to a knockout paragraph. After, check-off whether it is a knockout paragraph. If it isn't, write what the paragraph is missing and make the corrections to the paragraph it.

Example One:

“How can you eat this?” I said to my friend who was eating greasy chicken.

“I’m just hungry. Plus, there’s nothing else to eat,” he replied.

The school lunches, here, at Amistad Academy are mediocre at best and should be changed. The lunches are bringing down the mood of the students, wasting school money because the students are wasting food, and affecting the student’s physical health in a negative manner.

_____ Yes, this is a Knockout Introductory Paragraph

_____ No, this is not a Knockout Introductory Paragraph

It is missing a _____,
but I already fixed it.

Example Two:

Amistad Academy gives too much homework. Because there is too much homework, students become very overwhelmed, students don’t have enough time to sleep, and students loose the opportunity to socialize, building up necessary habits for their future.

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Example Three:

Everyday, over 80 percent of the students on the bus are at risk of serious injury because of poor bus behavior. Every student should follow the behavior and safety rules of the bus. If the bus rules are not followed, it could take away from our education, it can waste other's time, and students could get hurt. Following the bus rules are crucial.

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Example Four:

Would you want to die at an early age due to smoking? Miss your graduation, the birth of your child, or the birth of your grandchild? Your life get's kicked to the curb every time you light up. That's why smoking under the age of 18 should be illegal.

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Example Five:

“Students who are kept at school for more than seven hours of the day greatly reduce their ability to succeed,” says Dr. Frankswatter, a Yale pediatrician and practitioner for over 27 years. In ability to focus, reduced ability to sleep, and unhealthy social habits await those who stay in school more than seven hours a day.

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