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## Average Writing Model

### Writing Process in Action: Expository Writing (Unit 5, pages 206–209)

**Assignment:** For a magazine called *How To*, write a one-page, step-by-step explanation of a process.

#### How to Make Ice Cream

Here's how to make home-made ice cream. People used to do this all the time. You don't really need that much stuff to do it. First get your ingredients. 6 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups milk, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 cups heavy cream. Then get an egg beater or electric mixer, bowls, and three trays.

Beat the eggs for awhile. Maybe a few minutes. They get yellow, then foamy. Add sugar, milk, vanilla, and salt then. Then put in the cream. Fold it in there. Pour all this in a tray. Make sure their cold first. You have to wait for a long time here. This is why no one makes ice cream. It takes a lot longer than going to the store and buying some. But the home-made kind is fun. It tastes good too. Vanilla is best and that's what this is. You buy vanilla flavoring in a bottle. After the ice cream is frozen put it in a bowl and mix it for awhile. Don't let it melt. Mix it up then put it back in the freezer again. It gets hard in there. Then its done. Now put it in the refrigerator. You need maybe a half-hour for it to thaw a little bit, so its not so hard. Then you can eat it!

*Introduces the subject in first sentence and gives important, specific information*

*Uses choppy sentences and vague word choices, but presents steps in order*

*Includes details that distract from the stage of the process being described*

*Describes process from start to finish*

**Summary:** *The explanation describes the steps of the process from start to finish, but vague word choices and lack of transitions make some of the steps hard to follow. The piece could be improved by replacing vague words and phrases such as “some,” “for a long time,” and “for awhile” with more specific terms.*

*The explanation might receive a 3 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive an 83 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—30 points for Focus/Organization, 28 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 25 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*