English 11 **SAMPLE MSP PARAGRAPH**

Read the sample paragraph below and use it as a model for the revision of your own **MSP paragraph**.

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| Even before his transformation, Gregor experiences alienation in his own life. **For example**, his “grueling” job as a traveling salesman leads him to feel lonely and isolated from his family. While he is proud to provide a comfortable home from his family, he does not meaningfully interact with them on a daily basis. His room, which has a door on each end, is regularly kept locked, essentially locking his family out and himself in the room. Clearly, the message that stressed and tired Gregor sends to his family is that he is not looking for visitors and instead should be left alone. In fact, his family only intrudes on his space when they believe that he is going to be late for work. **Additionally**, the specifics of his job lead Gregor to feel worthless and alone at the workplace. While he travels around town, likely meeting many different people, Gregor’s fast-paced career does not allow him to form relationships of longer than a few minutes. His life as a traveling salesman is lonely and does not allow him to make friends with customers or coworkers, as his coworkers travel on their own isolated paths from place to place. Before Gregor’s metamorphosis, he already feels a lot like a “monstrous vermin,” isolated and alone each day due to his interactions with his family and his “grueling” occupation. | 🡨 Clear topic sentence that is connected to all of the examples used in the paragraph below.  🡨 The words “For example” indicate that the writer is about to launch into his/her first example to prove the topic sentence.  🡨 Examples from the text are supported by analysis and the writer’s own ideas.  🡨 The word “Additionally” indicates that it’s time for the writer’s second example. The sentence introducing the new example connects back to the topic sentence.  🡨 Closing sentence restates the topic sentence and summarizes the evidence used to prove this topic sentence. |

Answer the following questions based on the sample paragraph above.

1. Copy the topic sentence from the paragraph above. Why is this topic sentence effective?
2. What are the two examples used in this paragraph to support the topic sentence?
3. How many sentences of **analysis** are used to support the first example?
4. How many sentences of **analysis** are used to support the second example?