

**Strategy** Get a reaction from a peer, a fellow classmate.

**Exercise 1:** Read the essay, “A Spender Who Is Out-of-Control.” Imagine that you have a classmate who wants your opinion of it.

### A Spender Who Is Out-of-Control

We often hear about the millions of dollars that movie stars and professional athletes earn. It seems that these celebrities never have to worry about money since they have so much. <sup>1</sup> Mike Tyson, a former boxing champion, made over \$140 million in two years of boxing. However, he was soon having troubles. <sup>2</sup> Because he was unable to control his spending.

One problem Tyson had was that he loved to shop. Once, <sup>3</sup> a store closed its doors so that Tyson and his friends could have a private “shopping party” there. They quickly spent over \$250,000. He also loved cars. He bought a Ferrari for \$300,000 without even taking it for a test drive. Another day, he walked into a car dealership with some friends. In the show room was a \$300,000 Bentley <sup>4</sup> He bought it and ordered four more; within a few minutes, he had spent over \$1.5 million. Over the years, Tyson bought more than 110 cars for he and his friends. <sup>5</sup>

In addition to shopping, he spent a lot on his three homes. For example, it costs \$100,000 a year just to pay for the gardeners. Also, after buying his third home for \$3.7 million, he spent millions more remodeling it. He likes to spend money on his homes. <sup>6</sup>

The reason why Tyson has earned so much money. <sup>7</sup> He has a lot of talents. <sup>8</sup> Tyson was a very soft-hearted person. He shares his money freely with his friends and give money to charity. Also, when his best friend is died, he is depressed for a long time. <sup>9</sup>

After many years of living an expensive life-style, Mike Tyson is now struggling to save money. High-priced cars, gorgeous mansions, and other wasteful expenses have forced him to use more common sense about financial matters.

In conclusion, Tyson is an example of someone with a great talent in one area, making money by boxing, and <sup>10</sup> little talent in another, spending money wisely. When we read \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup> rich celebrities, we can imagine many of them are probably similar to Mike Tyson.

**Exercise 2:** Imagine that your classmate asks you these questions about the essay in Exercise 1. Write your advice.

1. (**Example**) Look where I wrote #1 (<sup>1</sup>). Should I write the word “money” here? Why or why not?

(**Advice**) *No, it’s not necessary because you already mentioned money in this sentence so we know what you are talking about.*

2. Look at #2. Do you think I should take out the period and make the letter “B” on “Because” a small “b”? Why or why not?

3. Look at #3. Should I tell what type of store it was?

4. Look at #4. Should I write “Bentley, the most expensive car in the world” here?

5. Look at the underlined sentence before #5. I think there are some grammar problems with this sentence. Can you help me?

6. Look at #6. Do you think this last sentence here is necessary? Why or why not?

7. Look at the underlined sentence before #7. Is this sentence grammatically correct? What should I do?
8. Look at #8. I think that this paragraph is too short. How can I improve it?
9. Look at #9. Look at my verbs in this whole paragraph. Can you tell me if they are all right? What should I do?
10. Look at #10. Should I change “and” to “but?”
11. Look at #11. Do I need to put a word before “rich celebrities?”
12. Do you think that it’s necessary to give examples of other rich celebrities?
13. Mike Tyson also had a bad temper. Should I add a paragraph describing his anger? Why or why not?

**Exercise 3:** After you finish the second draft of the essay you started.

- 1) Write some numbers on the essay in places where you would like advice from another student.
- 2) On a different paper, write eight or more questions that you would like to ask.

***Possible questions that you might ask to get advice***

- Do you think I need more details here?
- Is there a grammar problem in this sentence?
- Do you think this sentence is necessary?
- Are my verbs in this paragraph correct?
- How can I combine these two sentences?
- Can you help me think of a way to make this clearer/more interesting?

***(Not a good question:*** Can you read my essay and tell me how to improve my essay?