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Teaching paragraph writing

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Making lists for a topic

- Name 15 things that make you smile
- Name 12 things that you can do at the beach
- Name 12 things you see on the farm

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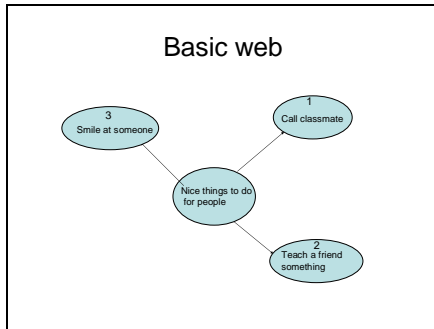
Take a list and develop a basic web

Nice things you can do for people

1. Carry friend's lunch trash
2. Give a ride
3. Call sick classmate
4. Teach something you know to friend
5. Study with classmate
6. Smile at someone

Choose 3 you want to write about...

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Develop a topic sentence

Topic sentence starters...
There are...
There is...
Several kinds of...
Some of the reasons are...
A number of steps...
Here are...
These are...

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graph TD; A((Nice things to do for people)) --- B((1 Call classmate)); A --- C((2 Teach a friend something)); A --- D((3 Smile at someone));
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Write the topic sentence on this page!

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TS: There are many nice things we can do for people, but I feel these three are particularly special.

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Develop a concluding sentence!

Concluding sentence starters...

- Many people think...
- These are good ways to...
- These are reasons...
- I feel that...
- You might solve...
- Sometimes it is good to...
- This is why...

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Add a concluding sentence to the page
Sometimes it is good to do nice things for people because
it makes you feel pretty good, too!

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TS: There are many nice things we can do for people, but I feel these three are particularly special.
CS: Sometimes it is good to do nice things for people because it makes you feel pretty good, too!

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Nice Things to Do for People

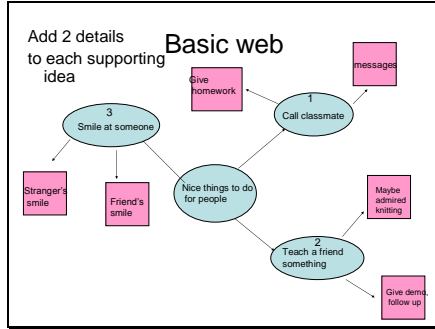
There are many nice things we can do for people, but I feel these three are particularly special. Call a sick classmate who has missed school to see how he is feeling. Offer to teach one of your friends something you know about. Smile at someone—especially someone who looks like he or she needs it. Sometimes it is good to do nice things for people because it makes you feel pretty good, too!

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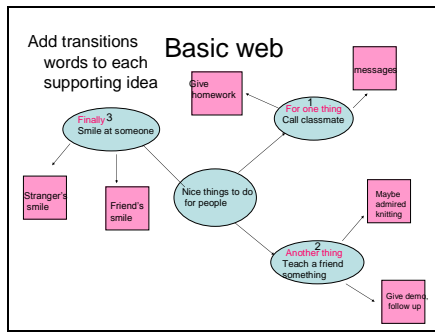
Expanding your ideas

Sometimes 5 sentences isn't enough

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Nice Things to Do for People

There are many nice things we can do for people, but I feel these three are particularly special. **For one thing**, you can call a sick classmate who has missed school to see how he is feeling. **Have homework assignments ready to give him.** **Deliver any messages from another classmate.** **Another idea is** to offer to teach one of your friends something you know about. **Perhaps this person has admired a scarf you have knitted.** You could give a brief demonstration and follow up by working with your friend as he or she learns to knit.

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Finally, smile at someone — especially someone who looks like he or she needs it. **A smile from a friend warms your heart.** **One given by a stranger brightens your day.** Sometimes it is good to do nice things for people because it makes you feel pretty good, too!

