

Watch the rewrite movie, then have a go yourself and change the same paragraph to make it more formal. Then check your version against the possible corrections and final version.

Responsibilities of Students

I have a lot of responsibilities as a student. These are as follows. Firstly, I have to turn up to all my classes because if I don't, I'll probably lose my EMA money and could even get thrown off the course. But if you're ill, you can provide a doctor's note to let the college know that you've got a good reason to be absent. Secondly, as a student, you have to do a lot of assignments e.g. essays, presentations, evaluations etc and make sure that you meet the deadlines for the assignments or they won't count. If I fail any of these assignments, then I can do them again. This is both a good and bad thing. It means I get a second chance to do them better. But it also means that they can drag on forever. I also think that maybe it makes people a bit lazy as they know they can just do things again and again, so they don't really try as much at the beginning. Something else I have to do as a student is stick to college rules. We are all given a student manual at the beginning of term saying what we can and can't do. So for example, I can't smoke on campus; I can't make too much noise in the library; I have to wear ID at all times. I think the rule on smoking is crap because there is lots of open space round the college. Why should the college lecture us on our habits, especially when they are legal? Overall then, I've got three main responsibilities as a student, turning up, doing the work, and following rules.

Corrected version

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~~I-Students~~ have ~~a lot of~~numerous responsibilities ~~as a student. These~~which are as follows. Firstly, ~~I-they~~ have to ~~turn up to~~attend all ~~my-their~~ classes because if I ~~don't otherwise~~, ~~I'll-they will~~ probably lose ~~my-their~~ EMA money and ~~could even~~ get thrown ~~off their place on~~ the course. ~~But-However if you're ill~~in case of illness, ~~you-they~~ can provide a doctor's note to ~~let-inform~~ the college ~~know~~ that ~~you've got-they have~~ a ~~good-valid~~ reason ~~to be absent~~for the absence. Secondly, ~~as a student~~students, ~~you~~ have to ~~do~~ complete a ~~lot of~~great many assignments ~~e.g. for example~~ essays, presentations, evaluations ~~etc- and so on~~ and ~~make-sure~~ensure that ~~you meet the~~deadlines ~~are met~~ for the ~~assignments-these~~ or they ~~won't will be~~ counteddiscounted. If ~~I-they~~ fail any of these assignments, then ~~I-they~~ can ~~do-redo~~ them ~~again. This~~ which is ~~has~~ both a ~~good~~advantages and ~~bad thing~~disadvantages. ~~On the one hand It-it~~ means ~~I-they get-have~~ ~~a-an~~ second ~~chance-opportunity~~ to ~~do-them better~~improve. ~~But-On the other hand~~ it also means that ~~they-the process~~ can ~~drag on forever~~be endless. ~~I-also think~~It is also arguable that maybe it ~~makes-encourages~~ people a bit ~~lazy-laziness~~ as ~~they-students~~ know they can ~~just do-repeat~~ things ~~again-and again~~work, so they ~~don't might not really try~~make as much ~~of an effort at the beginning~~initially. Something else ~~I-students~~ have to do ~~as a student-is~~ ~~stick-to~~follow college rules. ~~We-They~~ are all given a student manual at the beginning of term ~~saying-detailing~~ what ~~we can-and can't do~~is acceptable. ~~So-Thus~~ for example, ~~I-can't smoke-smoking is not allowed~~ on campus; ~~I-can't make too much~~excessive noise ~~is~~ forbidden in the library; ~~I-have to wear~~ ID ~~must be worn~~ at all times. ~~I think~~It is arguable ~~that~~ the rule on smoking is ~~crap-perhaps~~ unfair because there is ~~lots-plenty~~ of open space round the college. ~~It raises the issue of Why-why should~~ the college ~~should~~ lecture ~~us~~ students on ~~our-their~~ habits, especially ~~when they are~~legal ~~ones?-. Overall then~~In ~~summary, I've got-there are~~ three main responsibilities as a student, ~~turning up~~attendance, ~~doing the work~~coursework, and ~~following rules~~behaviour.

Final version**Responsibilities of Students**

Students have numerous responsibilities which are as follows. Firstly, they have to attend all their classes because otherwise, they will probably lose their EMA money and even their place on the course. However in case of illness, they can provide a doctor's note to inform the college that they have a valid reason for the absence. Secondly, students, have to complete a great many assignments for example essays, presentations, evaluations and so on and ensure that deadlines are met for these or they will be discounted. If they fail any of these assignments, then they can redo them which has both advantages and disadvantages. On the one hand, it means they have an opportunity to improve. On the other hand it means that the process can be endless. It is also arguable that maybe it encourages laziness as students know they can repeat work, so they might not make as much of an effort initially. Something else students have to do is follow college rules. They are all given a student manual at the beginning of term detailing what is acceptable. Thus for example, smoking is not allowed on campus; excessive noise is forbidden in the library; ID must be worn at all times. It is arguable that the rule on smoking is perhaps unfair because there is plenty of open space round the college. It raises the issue of why the college should lecture students on their habits, especially legal ones. In summary, there are three main responsibilities as a student, attendance, coursework and behaviour.