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- I use topic sentences and transitions in my paper.
- I group similar ideas together.
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- I use an effective ending in my paper.
- I use complete sentences that are interesting and of different lengths.

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- I spell familiar words correctly.
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Next, geocachers begin their hunt. They use the GPS tracking information to guide them on their search. Sometimes, however, they may need a few additional clues to help them locate the treasure. Geocachers may also have to collect clues from multiple locations or solve a puzzle before finding precisely where the cache is actually hidden.

As geocachers hunt, they are careful not to let any “muggles” discover what they are doing. The term “muggle” is taken from the popular *Harry Potter* book series written by J. K. Rowling. For geocachers, a muggle is a person who does not know about geocaching. Many muggles are harmless, but some may intentionally move or even destroy a cache. Geocachers know that it is important to keep the cache’s secret safe and be certain the cache remains in the same location. That way, other geocachers can enjoy finding it in the future.

After geocachers locate a cache, they sign the included logbook in order to record their “find.” They may take one of the trinkets from the cache with them, but they must replace it with something of equal value. Later, they may choose to log on to the geocaching website and post pictures or stories of their hunt.

Since geocaching began in 2000, people of all ages from around the world have enjoyed the challenge of tracking down “treasures.” Most geocachers enjoy discovering the world around them as they search for caches. They are also mindful of the environment. Many geocachers carry bags so that they can pick up trash they may find along the trails and paths as they hunt.

Geocaching can be challenging and fun. Its players definitely enjoy the moment when they finally locate a cache. Yet for many, the best part of geocaching is being outdoors and enjoying the beauty of nature.





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