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Intermediate Making a Formal Argument – Practice

Directions: Argue for or against the statement below using a formal argument. In a formal argument, you must:

1) State your position.
2) Provide point(s) that support your position.
3) Support each point with specific reasons/examples.

Statement: Practice makes perfect.

Example Answer: I agree with the statement above. Research has shown that practice is more important that talent in gaining expertise. People with just a little natural talent can gain mastery with daily practice and the desire to improve their performance. For example, by practicing writing everyday, there is a good chance that your writing will drastically improve. However, all the practice in the world cannot instill passion for an activity a person doesn't like. So, while practice can improve performance, it cannot replace the desire to do well.

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