

LLA–Reply Format for Homework

Homework conversations between student and TA take a different format than typical email exchanges. Rather than replying sequentially, homework is best replied to ‘in-line’ so that the dialogue between teacher and student can be preserved. To make it easier to distinguish old posts from new ones, students are encouraged to use a different color of text for each round of replies, and/or a different preface. Please see below:

Hi Dana, my name is Amy.

This is my first homework paragraph. Thanks for taking a look at it! Did I do it right?

Thanks,
Amy

Dana’s reply:

Hi Dana, my name is Amy.

D1: Hi Amy, welcome to LLA! I’ll be in green text this round.

This is my first homework paragraph. Thanks for taking a look at it! Did I do it right?

D1: You definitely did it right. Replying in-line keeps our dialogue easy to follow when homework gets complicated! Just to be sure you understand, can you tell me your favorite fruit by replying in-line?

Good job!
Dana

Amy’s response to Dana:

Hi Dana, my name is Amy.

D1: Hi Amy, welcome to LLA! I’ll be in green text this round.

A1: Hi Dana, I’ll be in blue text below.

This is my first homework paragraph. Thanks for taking a look at it! Did I do it right?

D1: You definitely did it right. Replying in-line keeps our dialogue easy to follow when homework gets complicated! Just to be sure you understand, can you tell me your favorite fruit by replying in-line?

A1: No problem! My favorite fruit is mango! Talk to you soon.

Good job!
Dana

Be sure to allow your TA to do any deleting or editing that needs to happen as replies become longer and more complex. This assures that only dialogue that has been fully explored gets deleted.