

### SAMPLE ESSAY 2

DISAGREE

Education is one of the most important factors in the development of a country. Therefore, the government plans very carefully where and how they will use their education budget. Some people contend that the government should spend more money on children's education. However, I firmly believe the government should expend more money on college students because of the in-depth studies and research required of college students. Moreover, children already receive their primary education through government funding.

First of all, college is an institution where most students prepare themselves to work after graduation. Thus, the more competent they are, the more they can contribute to a company which will eventually promote the economic growth of the country. For example, since the government in Korea started spending a part of its budget on colleges, the quality of education has also improved significantly. In return, many of the outstanding graduates of those colleges have gone on to work for the government. Consequently, cultivating a competent work force would benefit the country.

Additionally, there is no need for the government to invest more money in children's education than they do now. As the capacity for in-depth knowledge is limited for children, investment in children's education can be excess spending. For example, the government provides funds for children's fundamental education such as kindergarten and elementary school. This already includes teacher training and facility improvement. Since children do not need money for major research or experiments, investing more money would only result in an overflow of funds.

It is true that children's education is important in that children develop study habits in their early years. However, great study habits come from continuous stimuli from instructors and motivation rather than from constantly changing educational programs. In that sense, the government does not need to increase its budget for children's education. The government, instead, should put more money into colleges as they act as a direct transition to the working field. For these reasons, I disagree with the statement that the government should invest money in children rather than in college students.

#### WORD REMINDER

primary [praɪməri / -məri] 근본적인 institution [ɪnstɪtjuːʃən] 기관, 학관, 기관 competent [kəmpeɪənt / kəm-] 유능한 contribute [kəntrɪbjʊt] 기여하다 promote [prəməʊt] 촉진하다 outstanding [aʊtstændɪŋ] 우수한 cultivate [kʌlɪveɪt] 양성하다 conduct [kən'dʌkt / kən-] 수행하다 overflow [ˌoʊvərfloʊ] 넘치다 up-to-date [ʌpədeɪt] 최신의 transition [trænziʃən -sɪʃən] 전환

#### TIPS for SUCCESS

비교 강조(the more... the more...)

"더~할수록 더욱~하다" 라는 뜻을 가지고 있으며 "The more, the better." (많을수록 좋다.) 혹은 "The smarter, the more advantageous." ("만큼수록 장점이.)처럼 단순히 형용사만을 쓰고 있고 뒤에 형용사를 동명사로 쓸 수도 있다. 두 번째 단락을 살펴보자.

Thus, the more competent they are, the more they can contribute to a company which will eventually promote the economic growth of the country.

위의 문장에서 볼 수 있듯이, the more competent라는 비교급 형용사와 they are라는 절이 the more라는 비교급 형용사와 they can contribute라는 절을 동원해서, "그들이 더욱 유능할수록, 회사에 더욱 기여할 수 있다"라고 표현되고 있다.