

## **SAMPLES OF COMMENTS NOT PERMITTED IN READER FEEDBACK**

**Although it is natural to want to empathize and share your own experiences with students, it is important to remember that if the comments do not directly address the student's responses, they will be removed...and that's just a lot of extra work for everyone!**

**Here are some examples of comments removed from reader feedback before it was sent to the student:**

I have only one sister. But I did have several very close cousins, and my best friend from my neighborhood had 5 brothers and sisters. I was an unofficial member of that family.

I want you to know something about me: that I'm a lawyer and that, mainly, I retired from being a lawyer five years ago.

I can tell you this: as a lifelong educator of young children...

I'm an only child...

I am white. I have a younger brother who is excellent at impersonations.

I mentioned the town in Pennsylvania where I used to live....

You might be entertained to hear about a time I sat in a meeting with...

I enjoyed reading your work and do very much wish I could go to dinner at your house.

I also suffer from anxiety and mild depression, and I attend therapy and take medication too.

In my many years as an educator...

I moved from New Jersey to Texas for grad school...

My mother died at 54 from breast cancer that spread around her body.

My parents were immigrants to the United States, and I try to sympathize with persons who are more recent arrivals.

**In most cases, the idea can be conveyed using more general terms.**

**For example, "In my many years as an educator..." could be written as "Most experienced educators..."**