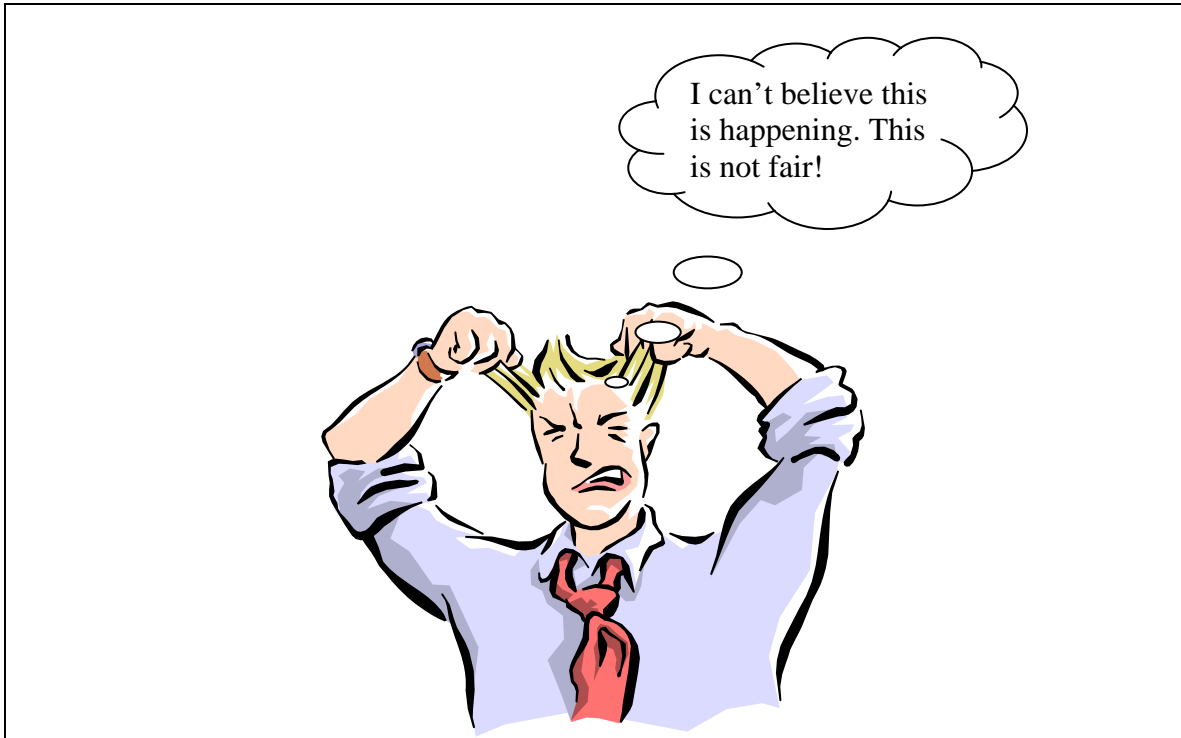


**Benchmark: C4a**



**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**

How might an individual wishing to communicate with a government agency prepare him/herself? Please give an example to support your answer.

**Possible Response(s):** Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

Individuals wishing to communicate with any government agency should gather information on the problem, the agency itself and how it operates particularly with regard to communication. A citizen wishing to speak at a New Castle County Council meeting should first learn the process for speaking at a meeting. This information could be obtained through the Council's website or by contacting the Council's office by phone, mail, or e-mail. The citizen then may want to come prepared with a written notes or an outline of the topic(s) he/she wants to address.

**Rubric**

- 2 = This response gives a valid explanation with an accurate and relevant example.
- 1 = This response gives a valid explanation with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no example.
- 0 = inaccurate or no response