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## Start Something That Matters Ch. 5: Keep It Simple

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. (due Mon., 5/20/2019) [10 points]

1. Why is simplicity so hard to achieve? What's the difference between achieving simplicity and merely being simplistic?	
2. Take a story you know well, such as a fairy tale or a popular movie, and simplify its plot to a few sentences while still retaining what makes it interesting.	
3. How is Google different than other search engines like Yahoo! and AOL? Is it possible for a product to be both simple and complex – at the same time? How?!	
4. What are some products/companies that, due to their complexity, prevent a connection to their customers from forming? How could they simplify?	
5. What does Blake say about simplicity in business? How does TOMS prove this?	

6. Explain 2 of the 6 starter tips to create a simple environment that Blake gives along with a brief description.	
7. Tim Ferriss has used the 80/20 Rule to radically improve his productivity and time management. How can you apply the 80/20 Rule to your own life?	
8. What time-consuming or mundane tasks could you outsource to a Virtual Assistant? What's the most unusual or fun thing that you could delegate?	
9. iPods are simple because they incorporate cutting-edge technologies in an intuitive way. They are easy for beginners to use, but equally enjoyable for more tech-savvy customers. What are other products or gadgets that seamlessly incorporate technology? What technologies are so new that they have yet to be simplified?	
10. Explain one of the other simple ideas that becomes a great company.	