

You don't need to be great
to start, but you have to
start to be great.

ليس من الضروري أن تكون
عظيماً لتبدأ، ولكن عليك أن
تبدأ لتكون عظيماً.



Composition



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Introduction

- Language is a means of communication.



What is writing?

- Definition of the writing.
- The earliest form of writing can be dated to around 3000 BC.



Writing focus: What is a sentence?

- ▶ Except for one-word commands (sit!), a complete sentence in English needs two words:
- ▶ **a subject** (N. or Pron.) and **a predicate** (V.); ex. He sits.
- ▶ Most English sentences are longer than just two words, but every sentence tells a complete thought.
- ▶ Groups of words that do not make complete sentences are called phrases; ex. At two o'clock.

Parts of Speech and their functions in sentences

- ▶ Nouns(N.) as Ahmed, Hasan, Adel...etc. ,
Pronoun(pron.) as . He, she, they...etc.
- ▶ Verbs (V.) as learn, study, dream, work,...etc.
- ▶ Adjectives (adj.) as happy, brave, strong,...etc.
- ▶ Adverbs (adv.) as happily, well, at six o'clock.
- ▶ Prepositions, Conjunctions , determiners,
interjections

Ex:

- ▶ In some countries, *smoking* is banned on
buses and trains, and in all public buildings.

Types of Sentences

- ❑ Simple sentence

- Nadia works hard.
- John doesn't work enough.

- ❑ Compound sentences (and, but, or,so,nor)

- Nadia works hard but John doesn't (work enough).

- ❑ Complex sentences

- Nadia works hard to get the Ph.D. degree.
- Ali couldn't attend the lecture because he had stuck in the traffic jam.

Capital Letters and Final Punctuation

- ▶ Sentences in a paragraph...
 1. **Start** with **a capital letter**; ex.
 - ▶ **P**art-time jobs can be stressful.
 1. **End** with **a period(.)**, **question mark (?)** or **exclamation point (!)** (**not common in academic writing**); ex:
 - ▶ I will never work in a restaurant again!
 - ▶ The curfew is in force between 7:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. .
 - ▶ Who offered you a part-time job?

Steps of Writing

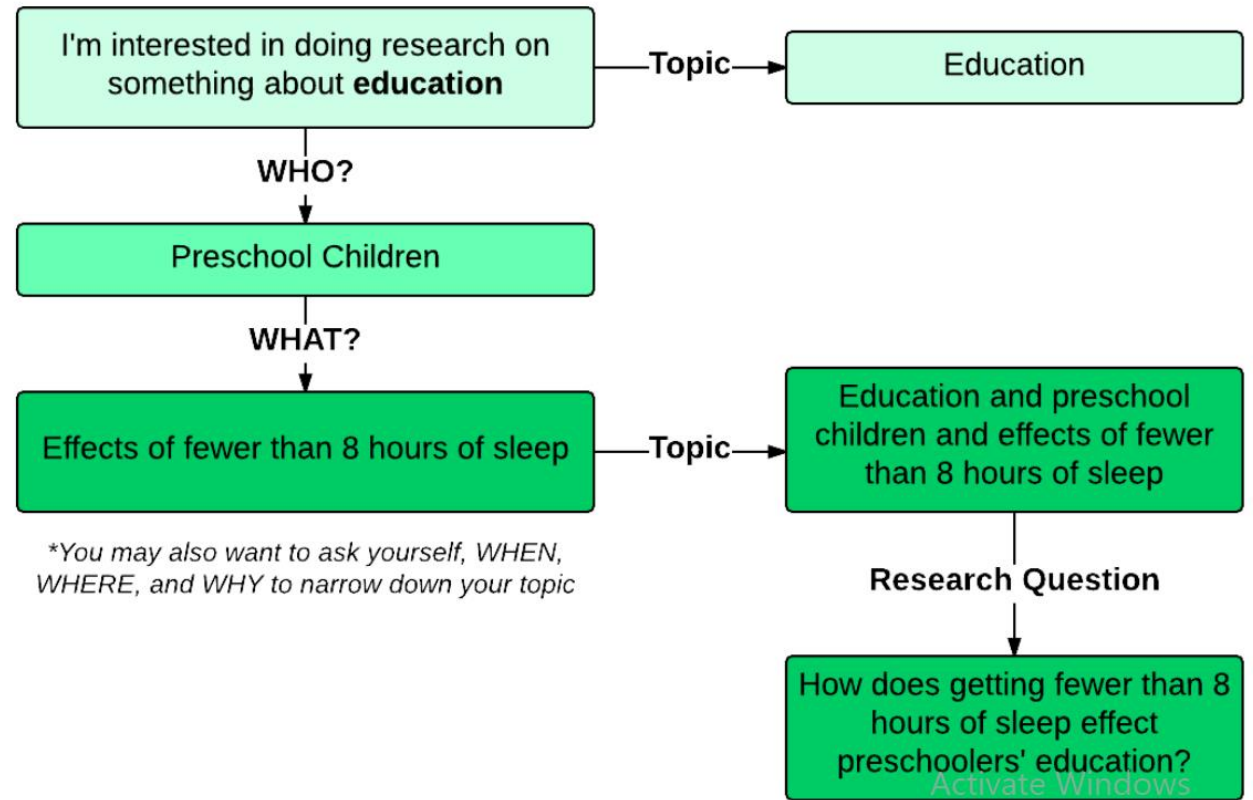


Pre-writing : Getting ready to write

- 1. Choosing and narrowing a topic.
- 2. Gathering ideas.
- 3. Editing ideas.

1. Choosing and Narrowing a Topic

- Choose a topic that is not too narrow.
- Choose a topic that is not too broad.



2. Gathering ideas

- Brainstorming is a way of gathering ideas
- ✓ Making list
- ✓ Free writing
- ✓ Mapping



Gathering Ideas

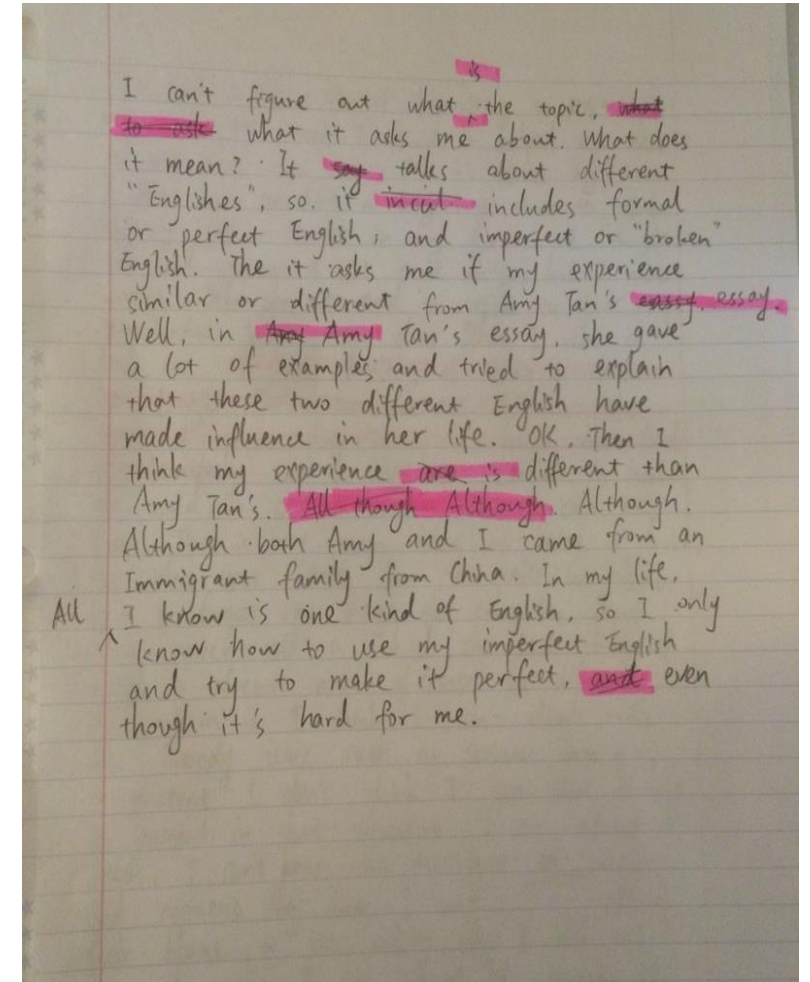
- Making list
- Write single words, phrases or sentences that are connected to your topic.



history—learning about the past
maths (too difficult, not interesting?)
What job do I want later?
English for work? Travel?
writing?
science—biology, chemistry
I don't like physics!
journalism
I like reading—literature?
art—drawing, painting, sculpture
photography?
studying / homework
friends / social life

Gathering Ideas

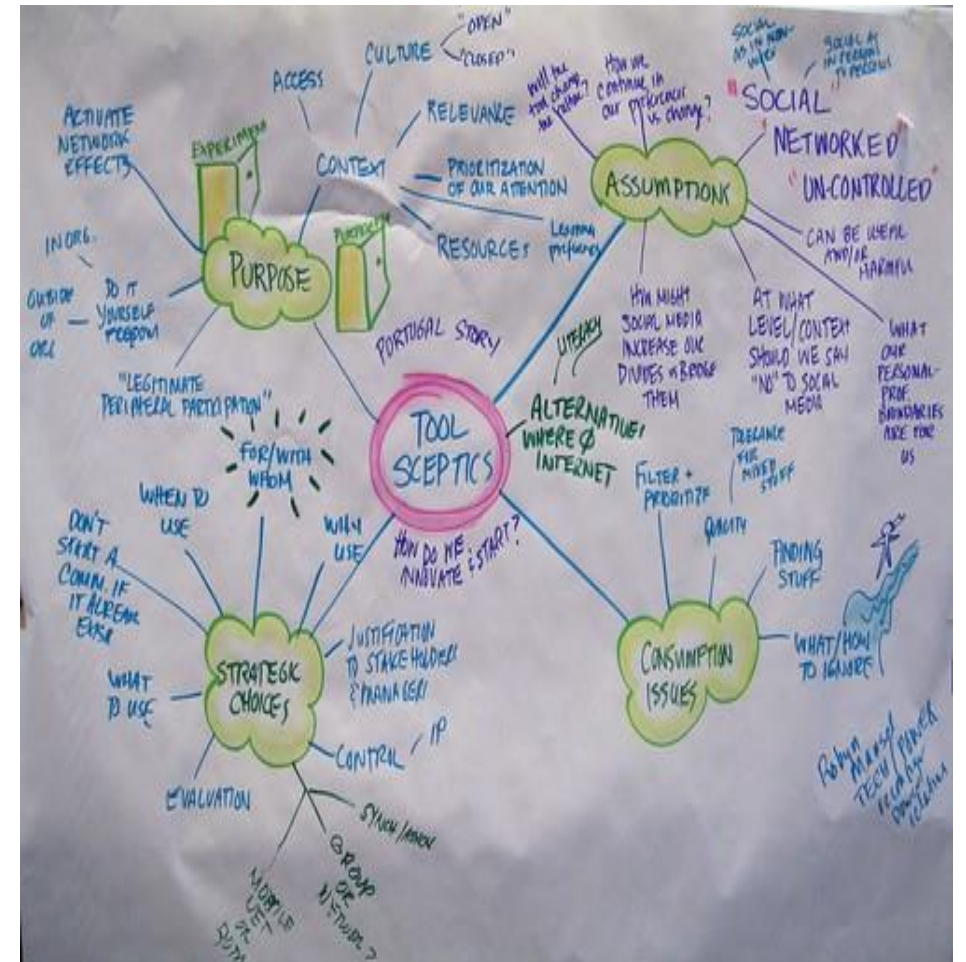
- Free writing
- When you free-write, you write whatever comes into your head about your topic without stopping.



I can't figure out what ^{is} the topic, ~~what~~ ~~to ask~~ what it asks me about. What does it mean? It ~~say~~ talks about different "Englishes", so it ~~incut~~ includes formal or perfect English; and imperfect or "broken" English. The it asks me if my experience similar or different from Amy Tan's ~~essay~~ ~~essay~~ ~~essay~~. Well, in ~~Amy~~ Amy Tan's essay, she gave a lot of examples and tried to explain that these two different English have made influence in her life. OK. Then I think my experience ~~are~~ ~~is~~ different than Amy Tan's. ~~All though~~ ~~Although~~. Although. Although both Amy and I came from an Immigrant family from China. In my life, All I know is one kind of English, so I only know how to use my imperfect English and try to make it perfect, ~~and~~ even though it's hard for me.

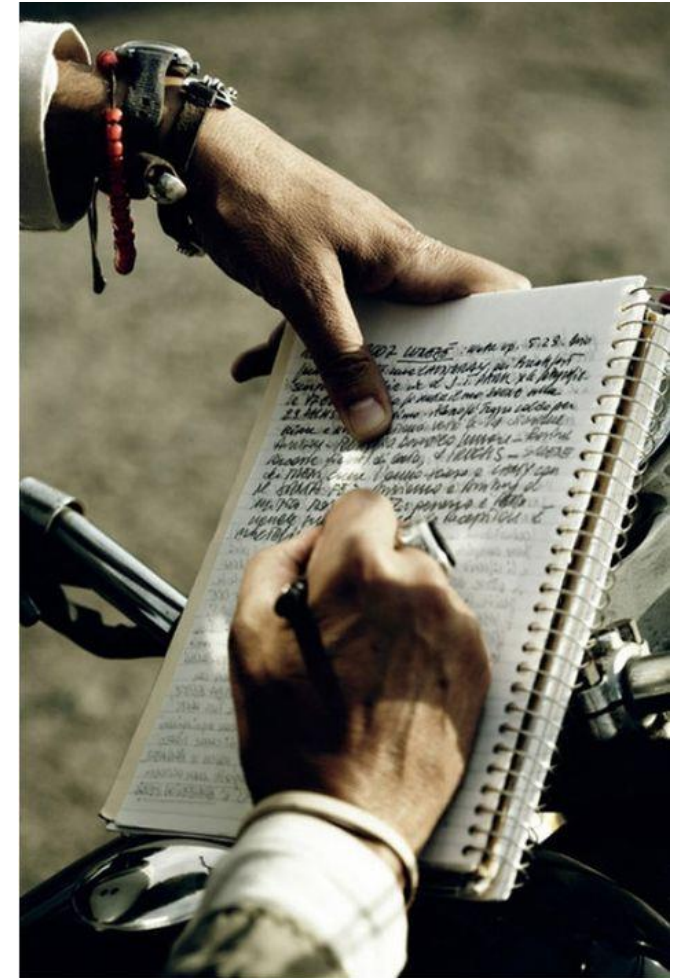
Gathering Ideas

- Mapping
- To make a map, use a whole sheet of paper and write your topic in the middle, with a circle around it. Then put the next idea in a circle above or below your topic, and connect the circles with lines.



Write

- **Write**
- After you've brainstormed, the next step is to write! For your first draft, don't be concerned about editing and revising. Use this opportunity to get all your thoughts on paper and worry about editing later.



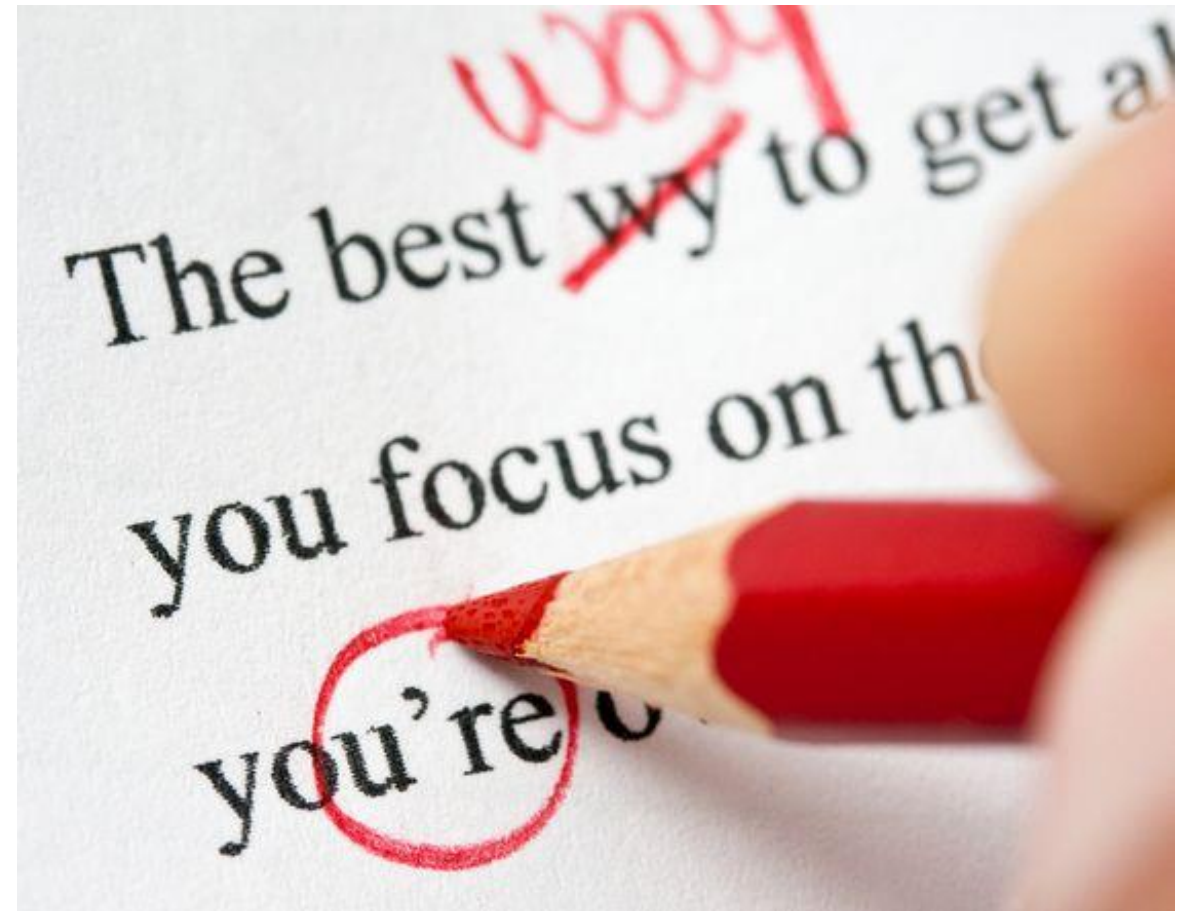
Reviewing and revising

- Review structure and content



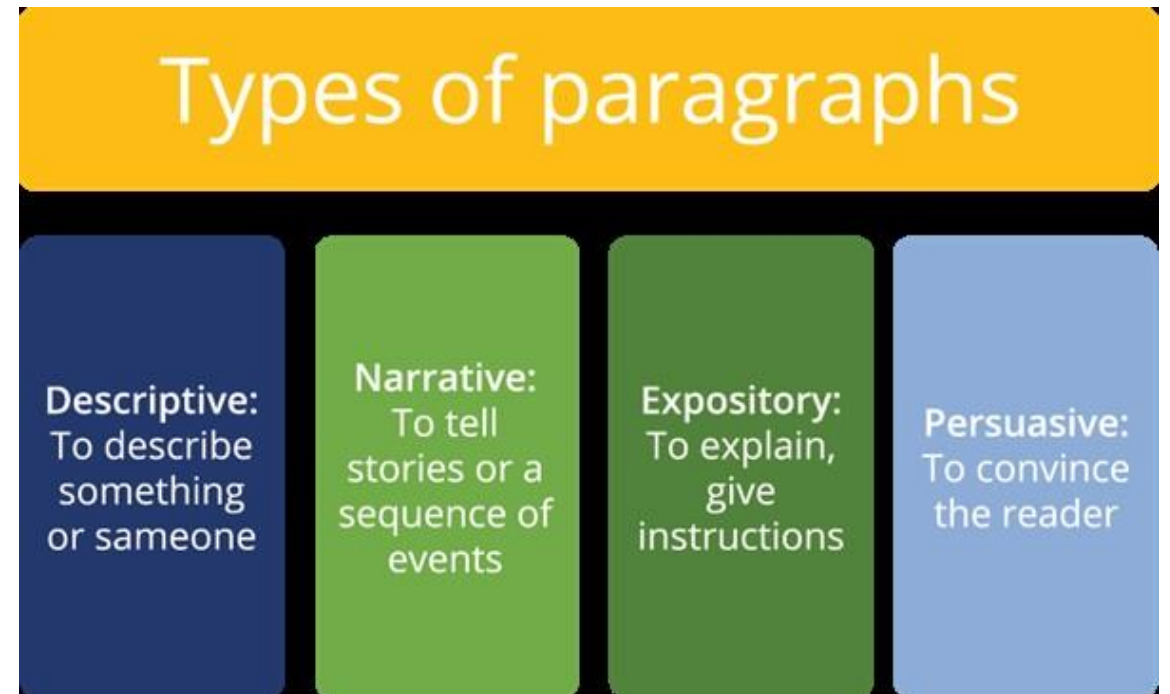
Re-writing

- Revise the structure and content
- Proofread
- Final corrections



Writing a paragraph

- A paragraph is a group of sentences about a single topic.
- A paragraph is a group of five to ten sentences that give information about a topic.



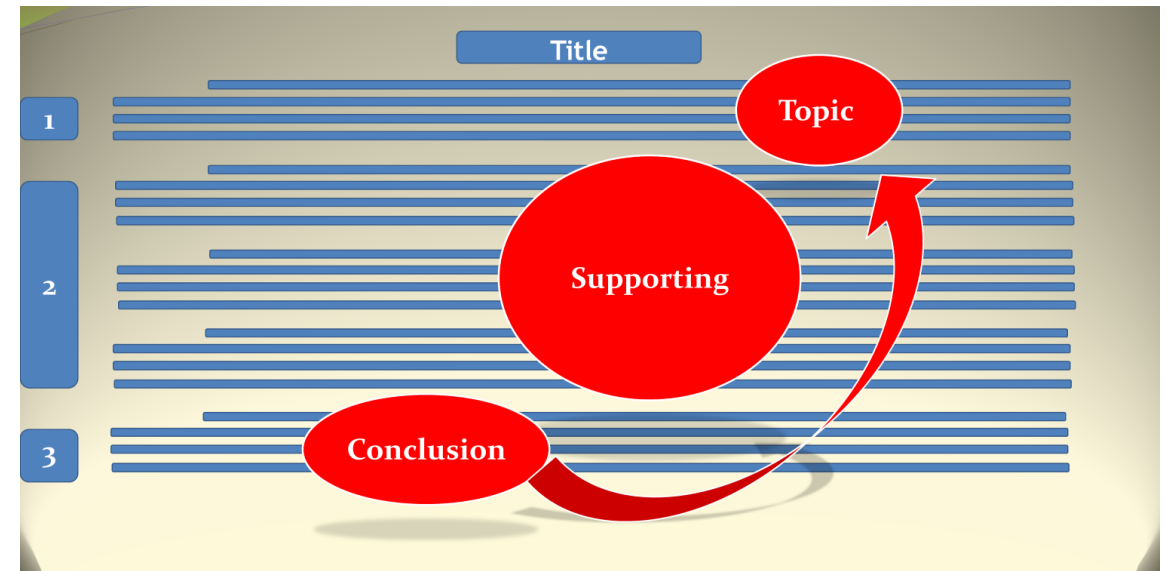
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A paragraph has three parts:

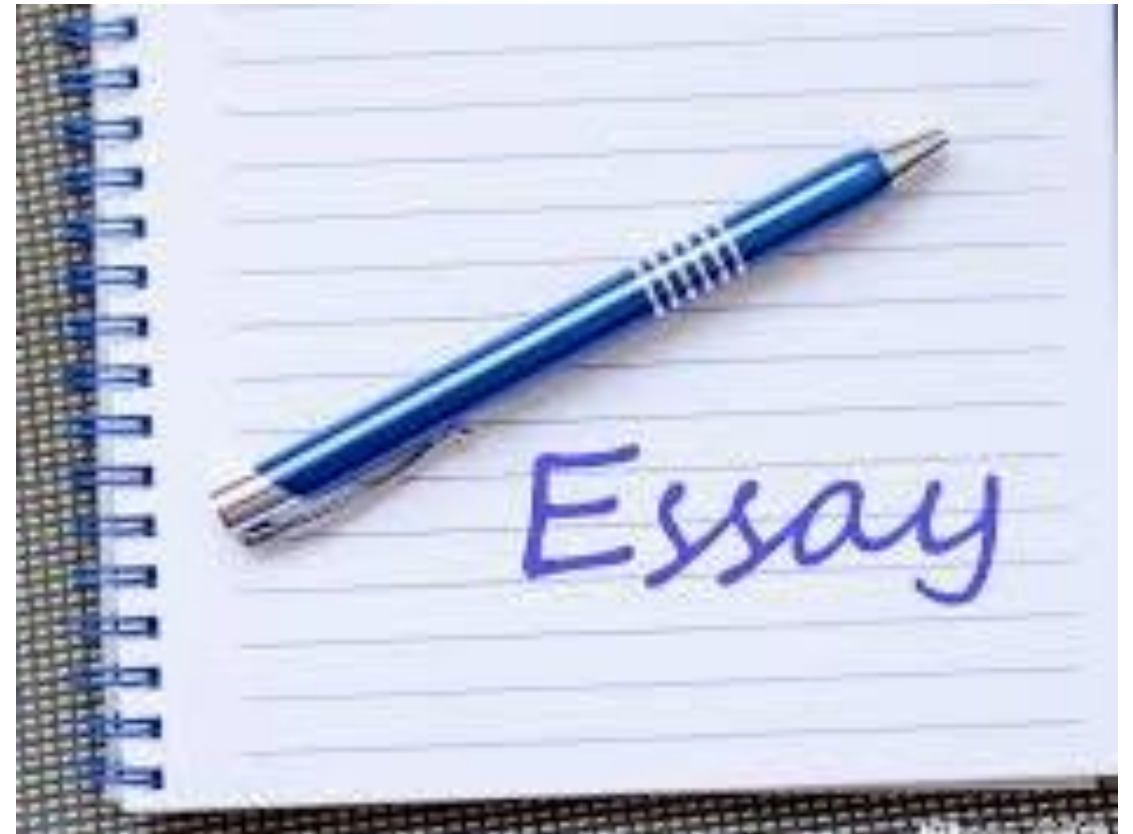
- **Topic sentence** tells the main idea
- **Detail sentences** explain and support the main idea
- **Conclusion sentence** reminds us of the main idea

Anna is an excellent student. She is intelligent. She is responsible. Anna always does her homework, and she is never late for class. As a result of her hard work, Anna is one of the best students in school.



Writing an Essay

- An essay is a group of paragraphs written about a single topic and central main idea.
- It must have at least three paragraphs but five- a paragraph essay is the common length for academic writing.



Parts/ Structure of an Essay

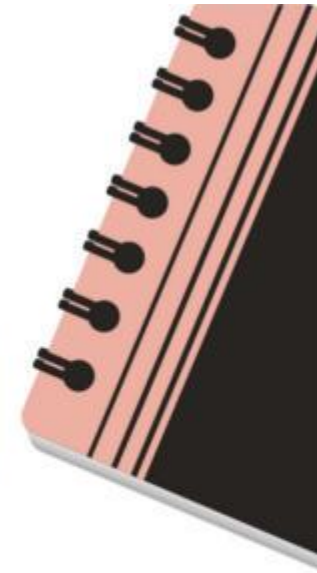
What Are the

Introduction

Body

Conclusion

Parts of an Essay?



Parts/ Structure of an Essay

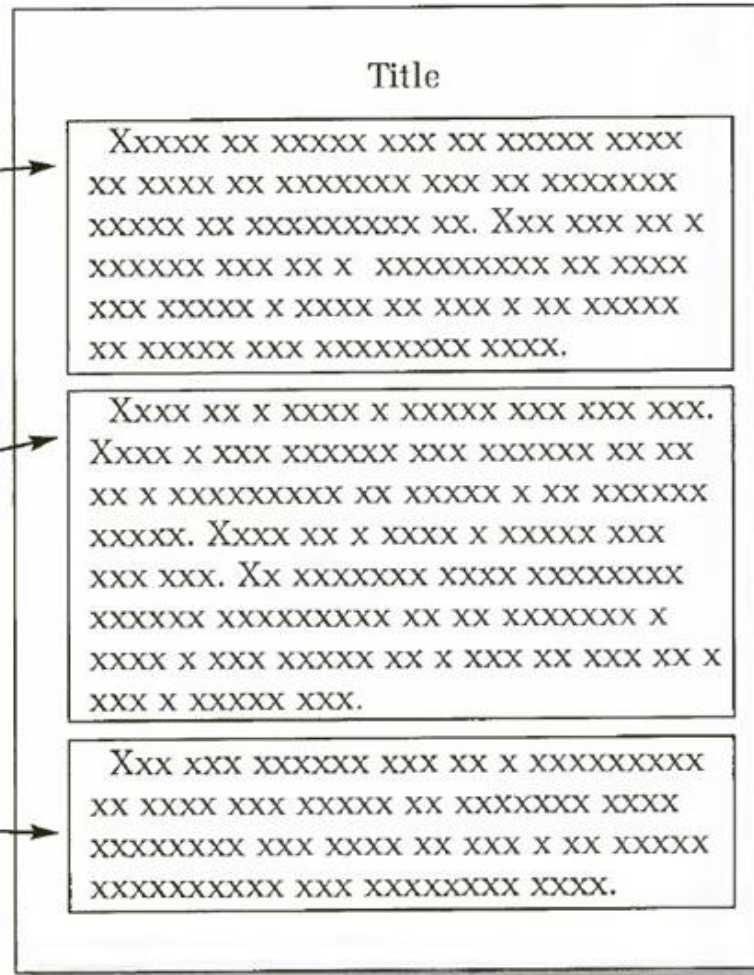
The structure of an essay

The three main parts of an essay

The introduction

The main body

The conclusion



INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH

General

Statement

Thesis Statement

BODY PARAGRAPH

Body 1

Body 2

Body 3

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

Restatement of
thesis statement

Final comment
from author

Why a Dog?

North American pets are the most pampered in the world. The dog is the most popular of all pets. People own dogs for three main reasons: companionship, security, and friendship.

Dogs are good companions for people. For example, older people often keep a small dog when children have moved away. They will talk to the dog and the dog will always listen. When the older person comes home, the dog wags its tail and is glad to see them. Dogs are great companions.

Dogs are not only good companions, but they also provide security. Often, a dog will smell someone near a house and begin to bark. It is especially important when a person is away at work or shopping. If someone comes in, the dog will surely bite him. Security is an important reason for people to own a dog.

Security may be important, but meeting people is a significant result of dog ownership. While walking, dogs love to sniff each other and make acquaintance. While they do, the owners can strike up a conversation, too. Dog parks provide owners with a place to have conversation while the dogs play together. If you are lonely in the city, perhaps a dog can help you with meeting new friends.

Companionship, security and friendship are three main reasons for people to own a dog. Be sure, however, before you make the big step of owning one because dogs may live as long as 16 years.

Writing an outline of an essay

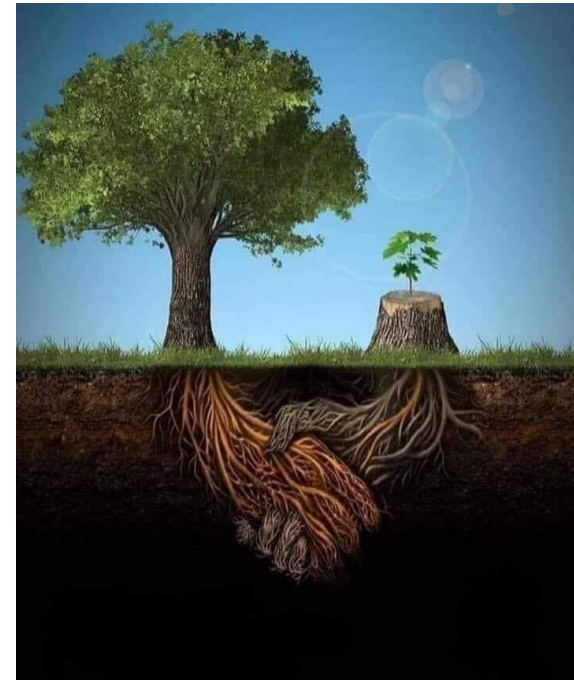
■ Writing an outline :

1. Introduction
2. First main idea
3. Second main idea
4. Third main idea
5. Conclusion



Unity and Coherence

- What is unity?
- Unity is the connection of all the ideas to a single topic
- What is coherence?
- Coherence is related to unity. Ideas that are arranged in a clear and logical way are coherent



Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

A- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has made the world a better place to live. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion .

B- How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.



Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

Describe the person you admire. Why do you consider this person a good example for you? What qualities he / she possesses?

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Telephones and Emails have made communication between people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion .

If you could ask a famous person one question, what would you ask? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

Many students have to live with roommates while going to school or university. What are some of important qualities of a good roommate? Use specific reasons and examples to explain why these qualities are important..

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion .

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Boys and girls should attend separate schools. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

What discovery in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people in your country? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer .

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Boys and girls should attend separate schools. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

- A. Neighbors are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor? Use specific details and examples in your answer.
- B. What are the important qualities of a good son or daughter? Have these qualities changed or remained the same over time in your culture? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

- A. Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, what does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- B. A company is going to give some money either to support the arts or to protect the environment. Which do you think the company should choose? Use specific reasons and examples

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

A. How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.

B. Many people visit museums when they travel to new places. Why do you think people visit museums? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has made the world a better place to live. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

B. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Advertising can tell you a lot about a country. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Write a well – organized composition of about 200 -250 words about one of the following topics:

A. Einstein said, "I don't know with what World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones". Comment on the statement. Why, do you think, the scientist had such a pessimistic point of view? Do you agree with him?

B. There are plenty of sayings and idioms about friends. For example, "A friend in need is a friend in deed" or "Friends like books should be few but well-chosen". In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good friend? Explain in details, why the qualities you chose are important.

Thank
you !