

Pre-Sessional English

Assignments

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Outline

draft outline

Introduction

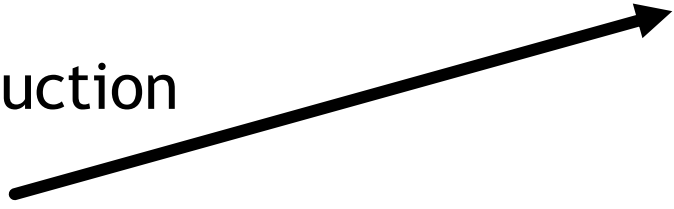
Body

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Conclusion

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- Section 1

- a
- b
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- Section 2

- a
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scenery

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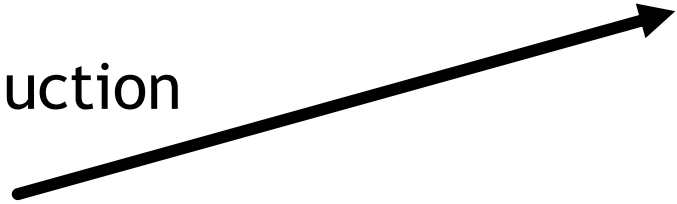
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Conclusion

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- Background
 - Location
 - General details
 - e.g. weather
 - Famous
- What to do
 - Scenery
 - Activities
 - Fun
 - Relax

scenery

activities

fun

relax



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draft outline

1. Introduction
 2. Background
 - 2.1 Location
 - 2.2 General details
 - 2.3 Why famous?
 3. What to do
 - 3.1 Scenery
 - 3.2 Activities
 - 3.3 Fun to do
 - 3.4 Relaxing
 4. Conclusion
- Bibliography

Task

- Fill out the details of the outline
- Sections
- Paragraphs
- Topic sentences

Structure

outline

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Nickname: _____ Number: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Outline

_____ (topic)

A. Opening or Introduction

Sentence 1 _____

Sentence 2 _____

B. Body

Main point 1 _____

Subpoint _____

Supporting material _____

Main point 2 _____

Subpoint _____

Supporting material _____

Main point 3 _____

Subpoint _____

Supporting material _____

C. Conclusion

Sentence 1 _____

Sentence 2 _____

References

How to complete an outline

Introduction

Body

...

Conclusion

References

Kerry

Opening or Introduction

Sentence 1 _____
Sentence 2 _____

Body

Main point 1
Subpoint

There are great things to do in beautiful surrounding in Kerry. Kayak across the lakes of Killarney to see the landscape, islands and inlets, to see one of the most beautiful places in Kerry [1]. The lakes are at the feet of Carrauntoohil in the McGillycuddy's Reeks, the highest mountain in Ireland [2,3].

Supporting material

Main point 2
Subpoint

Surfing is one of many activities available in a coastal region in Ireland. There are great places to surf in Kerry for beginners to experiences surfers [6]. One place to surf is at Ballybunion where you can also go for a walk or a swim [7].

Supporting material

Main point 3
Subpoint

If you wish to see sea animals then visit Dingle Bay. The aquarium in Dingle is the largest in Ireland with sharks, penguins, otters and many species of fish [4]. There is a also boat tour of Dingle Bay that comes across dolphins, whales and puffins [5]

Supporting material

Conclusion

Sentence 1 _____
Sentence 2 _____

References

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Topic sentences

Topic sentence

- A topic sentence is the main idea or point of a paragraph in academic writing.
- It usually appears at the beginning of a paragraph and sets the tone and direction for the rest of the paragraph.

Topic sentence

A clear and concise topic sentence is important in academic writing because it serves as the foundation for the rest of the paragraph.

It introduces the main idea or argument of the paragraph and guides the reader on what to expect from the following sentences.

Here are some reasons why a clear and concise topic sentence is important

Importance

The importance of a topic sentence in academic writing is that it helps to:

- **Provide focus:** it helps the reader to understand the purpose of the paragraph and what to expect
- **Creates connection:** it connects ideas within a paragraph and to the overall paper.
- **Guide the writing process:** a guide to the writer
- **Aid comprehension:** help the reader to understand the content more easily

In summary, a topic sentence is an essential part of academic writing, as it helps to provide focus, coherence, and clarity to the writing.

Difference

Topic Sentences:

- Dogs make great pets because they are loyal and loving.
- The ocean is home to many fascinating creatures, such as whales and dolphins.
- My favorite hobby is reading because it allows me to learn new things and explore new worlds.

Non-Topic Sentences:

- The color blue is very pretty.
- My mom is a great cook.
- The park is a fun place to play.

Using Topic sentences in Paragraphs

Example

Cats make better pets than dogs. There are a couple reasons why cats are better. Cats do not require as much attention as dogs. My first dog would follow me around the house and constantly jump on me until I pat him. When I got a cat, there were times when I only saw her during feeding. In addition to needing attention, dogs are also more expensive. Dogs require obedience school which costs hundreds of dollars, and dogs also have the tendency to destroy household objects. Because of the high cost and elevated needs of dogs, cats are a better option when considering a pet.

Topic Sentence -- Cats make better pets than dogs.

Transition -- There are a couple reasons why cats are better.

Main Point -- Cats do not require as much attention as dogs.

Commentary or Supporting Details -- My first dog would follow me around the house and constantly jump on me until I pat him. When I got a cat, there were times when I only saw her during feeding.

Transition -- In addition to needing attention,

Main Point -- dogs are also more expensive.

Supporting details - Dogs require obedience school which costs hundreds of dollars, and dogs also have the tendency to destroy household objects.

Conclusion - Because of the high cost and elevated needs of dogs, cats are a better option when considering a pet.

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Example 2

Example

My house and my car are similar in many ways. First of all, both places are untidy. In my house, you can see clothes strewn on chairs, papers littering all surfaces, and dishes in the sink. Similarly, in my car, the back seat and floor are covered with sports clothes and shoes, books, empty soft-drink cans, and gum wrappers. Second of all, I like to spend a lot of time in my house and in my car. After work, I usually go home, eat dinner, and flop down onto the sofa to watch videos or read a book. Likewise, on weekends, I usually take long out-of-town trips in my car; sometimes I even sleep in it to save money on hotels. Finally, I do some identical activities in my house and in my car. In my house, I get dressed, listen to loud music, and eat. In the same way, I change into my sports clothes in the car, listen to loud music on my car stereo, and eat snacks on my way home after work or the gym. Although I treat my home and my car alike, I should probably clean both of them up, so that people won't be afraid to visit or drive with me!

Example

topic sentence

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Example

transitions

first of all
likewise

similarly
finally

second of all
In the same way

although

My house and my car are similar in many ways. **First of all**, both places are untidy. In my house, you can see clothes strewn on chairs, papers littering all surfaces, and dishes in the sink. **Similarly**, in my car, the back seat and floor are covered with sports clothes and shoes, books, empty soft-drink cans, and gum wrappers. **Second of all**, I like to spend a lot of time in my house and in my car. After work, I usually go home, eat dinner, and flop down onto the sofa to watch videos or read a book. **Likewise**, on weekends, I usually take long out-of-town trips in my car; sometimes I even sleep in it to save money on hotels. **Finally**, I do some identical activities in my house and in my car. In my house, I get dressed, listen to loud music, and eat. **In the same way**, I change into my sports clothes in the car, listen to loud music on my car stereo, and eat snacks on my way home after work or the gym. **Although I** treat my home and my car alike, I should probably clean both of them up, so that people won't be afraid to visit or drive with me!

Example

subtopic

both places are untidy

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Example

evidence

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Example

subtopic

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Example

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Example

conclusion

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Task

Topic sentence

Create topic sentences for your assignment

Use the topic sentences and add subtopics and evidence

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Outline

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Supporting material _____

Main point 2 _____

Subpoint _____

Supporting material _____

Main point 3 _____

Subpoint _____

Supporting material _____

C. Conclusion

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Sentence 2 _____

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Kerry

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any questions?