Advanced Class Writing



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Longman Academic Writing Series 3 – 4th Edition Paragraphs to Essays



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Classroom English 1

For now, I chose a topic about <u>Japanese folktales</u>.

とりあえず、<u>Japanese folktales</u>についてのトピックを選択しました。

If I change my mind later, can I choose a different topic?

後で気が変わったら、別のトピックへ変えても良いですか?

Classroom English 2

If I finish this step early, can I go on to the next step right away?

このステップを早く終わらせれば、

すぐに次のステップに進んでも良いですか?

Classroom English 3

Do I have to memorize my presentation?

プレゼンテーション内容を暗記しなければなりませんか?

Or, can I look at my script while I present?

それとも、プレゼンテーション中に<u>スクリプト</u>を見ても良いですか?

Last Class of Chapter 2

- In-class timed writing activity.
- Group-presentations.

Freewriting Technique

- This is another pre-writing technique for brainstorming.
- Write freely as the thoughts and ideas pop into your mind.
- Keep writing without stopping until the time-limit.
- Don't stop to analyze whether your idea is good or not.
- Don't worry about grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.
- Just keep your pencil moving the whole time.

Freewriting Technique

- First, the teacher gives you the writing-prompt.
 - A memorable event in my life.
- Then, you do freewriting to discover your specific topic.
 - Winning first-place in the Kyoto Marathon.
- Finally, you continue freewriting to generate ideas.
 - I felt so proud because I trained for one year.
 - I didn't give up and ran until the finish-line.
 - I beat my old time-record.

Purpose of Freewriting:

- Discover your specific topic, based on the writing-prompt.
- Generate many ideas about your topic.
- Select the best ideas and organize them into your outline.

Freewriting Example

- A Memorable Event in My Life (p. 47).
- What is the writing-prompt?
- What topic was discovered and chosen?

Freewriting Practice

- Options for your writing-prompt:
 - 1. A very happy day.
 - 2. A very sad day.
 - 3. An embarrassing moment.
 - 4. An interesting trip.
 - 5. A frightening experience.
- In two minutes, choose your prompt.

Freewriting Practice

- In eight minutes, do freewriting to discover your topic.
- Then, continue freewriting to generating ideas.
- Keep freewriting until your time is up.

Steps 1 to 5 of the Writing Process (pp. 48 ~ 49)

Step 1: Prewrite to brainstorm ideas

- First, do freewriting to brainstorm ideas.
- Keep writing anything until you discover your topic.
- Then, continue writing freely about your topic to get ideas.
- Finally, underline the ideas you like best.

Step 2: Organize your ideas into an outline

- Using your topic and best ideas, make your outline.
- The outline for a narrative-style paragraph:
 - 1) Introduction
 - 2) List of events in time-order
 - 3) Conclusion
- Put the events into time-order.
- The purpose is to entertain the reader.

Step 3: Write the first draft

- Begin with an introduction section of 1 ~ 3 sentences.
 - I will never forget the day I met my future husband.
 - The most memorable vacation I ever took was a bicycle trip across Canada.
- Make your content interesting.
- Stick to the topic you chose and avoid unrelated topics.

<u>Textbook</u>

Step 3: Write the first draft

Remember the grammar we learned in Chapter 2:

- Time-order signals.
- Punctuation rules.
- Compound nouns.
- Simple and compound sentences.

Step 3: Write the first draft

End with a conclusion section of $1 \sim 3$ sentences:

- In summary, the day I met my husband was a precious experience that I will remember forever.
- In conclusion, travelling across Canada was an unforgettable trip that changed my life.

Step 4: Proofread the first draft.

- Refer to the proofreading guidelines on pp. 256 ~ 257.
- Fix all errors related to format, content, organization, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and sentence structure.
- Remove all content not related to the topic.
- Add more details where necessary.
- Move content to more appropriate places in your text.

Step 5: Write the final draft

- Based on your proofreading, re-write your final draft.
- Set a title which clearly identifies your topic.
- Read over and practice your writing for your presentation.

Peer Review and Self-Check (pp. 256 ~ 257)

- Check that we have met all the criteria in this guide.
- What do we need to ask ourselves before we start writing?
- What do we need to keep in mind while writing?
- What do we need to check after we finish writing?

Options for your writing-prompt:

- The best day of my life.
- A problem on my first day of school or work.
- A time when I met an unusual person.
- An interesting dream that I had.
- A time when I broke the rules and suffered the negative consequences.

Choose your prompt from the list. (2 minutes)

Timed Writing Activity (35 Minutes)

Step 1: Prewriting

2 minutes: Freewrite to choose your topic based on the prompt.

7 minutes: Continue freewriting to generate ideas for your topic.

Step 2: Outline

2 minutes: Organize your best ideas into an outline.

Step 3: First Draft

15 minutes: Write your first draft.

Step 4: Revise and Edit

4 minutes: Proofread your first draft.

Step 5: Final Draft

5 minutes: Write your final draft.

Group-Presentations

Present Your Paragraph

- After you finish, you can choose the next presenter.
- Let's give a warm applause and positive feedback.
- You don't have to present from memory.

Post-Presentation Options:

- Discussion about each other's presentation-topics.
- Finish writing your paragraph.
- Start previewing Chapter 3 (pp. 51 ~ 56).

Final Class Feedback

How was this experience the second time?

What felt better this time?

What felt the same or worse this time?

Which step was the most challenging for you?

Which step was the easiest?

Final Class Feedback

Today's Most Important Point: Freewriting

- Experiment with writing in a non-threatening environment.
- No rules just relax and focus on the flow of ideas.
- Go off-topic just keep writing.
- 15 minutes in the morning, when your brain is fresh.
- 15 minutes before going to bed organize the day's events.

Homework

Submit the writing-assignment for this class:

Only need to write a paragraph – not a full essay.

Preview and read over pp. 51 ~ 56

