Justification and Exemplification

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To justify means to support. Justification means giving evidence or proof to support the idea. The support can be facts, reasons, or explanation. The figure below will show how facts, reasons or explanation support the idea.

The other type of justification is cause and effect which can be explained in the chart below.

A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow F

This is read as: A causes B, B causes C, C causes D, D causes E, E causes F. F is the phenomenon caused by A, B, C, D, and E.

The facts, reasons and explanation support certain adjective. The following example shows how reasons support an adjective ‘rich’.

Now, try to rewrite the sentences below in the form of a paragraph. Sentence 1 is the main idea which is supported by the other sentences.

1) Sunlight can make people rich.
2) Sea get sunlight it will steam steam rise sky.
3) Low temperature will change steam cloud.
4) If cloud not hold long they will fall earth.
5) Fall water cause heavy rain cause tree flourish blossom earth become wet.
6) Wet earth cause every plant grow good.
7) Fertile plant will bear fruit very much.
8) We can eat sell fruit get money it.
9) We can use money pay school we continue we study university.
10) Because knowledge we get during school time we can make further develop science technology get more money we rich.

Note:
Read the following excerpt.

A countryside has its beauties. In the morning, the sun rises in the east through shrub. The fogy morning disappears gradually. The wind shifts the fog away. … There is a path through the rice field. It is always full of green grass. …. 

It seems to be a justification paragraph. However, it is not a justification. It is an EXEMPLIFICATION paragraph. Pay attention to the word ‘beauties’. It is a noun. The supporting details (the second and the next sentences) give examples of the ‘beauties’. There is no cause and effect relation between the sentences. Justification, on the other hand, supports a certain quality of an adjective (e.g. ‘rich’). Exemplification can be explained in the figure below.
You can try to write another exemplification. Good luck.