WRITING A SHORT ESSAY

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ACADEMIC WRITING

- Communication notes in scientific world including university
- “formal” use of grammar and vocab
- Not a product → lifelong exercise
- On going process → revised and reviewed regularly
PARAGRAPH

1. Narrative Paragraphs, it tells a story

2. Descriptive Paragraphs, it is used to describe what something looks like

3. Expository Paragraphs, it is used to explain something to the reader through many ways: 1) By comparing two things or people, 2) By showing steps in a process, 3) By analyzing something, and 4) By persuading
A PARAGRAPH

- A group of sentences that works together to develop a main idea
- The sentences of a paragraph support or give examples of the main idea
- Usually begins with a sentence that express the main idea = topic sentence.
- The topic sentence can also appear in the middle or at the end of a paragraph.
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<th>This is a topic sentence</th>
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<td>There are a few things that I’ve had trouble with since I arrived.</td>
<td>I went to the Grand Canyon this winter and to Mexico two years ago.</td>
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<td>• It introduces one main idea = problems</td>
<td>• includes more than one main idea.</td>
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A well-organized paragraph

- **Topic Sentence**: States your mind idea.
- **Bridge Sentence**: Explain your topic sentence and/or connects it to your examples.
- **Explanation, Elaboration, Example Sentences**: Develop and support the main idea.
- **Restatement**: Returns to or restates the main idea.
Musculoskeletal is the system in an organism which responsible for movement. Organism needs to move for various reason such as for locomotion, supporting or maintaining their shape. A single-celled protozoan able to move by cilia or other simple organelles. A more complex organism develops more advance support and locomotion systems. In human and many other organisms, it consists of two main parts which are muscle and skeleton. Muscle is considered as an active part whereas skeleton is considered as the passive part. Muscle has capability in movement because it has contractile protein which enables it to contract and generate movement. Skeleton is an important part in movement because it generates tonus. The strength from the muscle contraction and the tonus which is produced by the skeleton generate power which enables organism to perform functions such as moving, lifting, pushing and pulling, etc.
PARAGRAPH to ESSAY

- In an essay, the writer states a main idea and develops that main idea in more than one paragraph by explaining, describing, comparing, retelling an event, or using a combination of these techniques.
- An essay includes an introduction, the main discussion (the body), and a conclusion. The main idea for the entire essay is called the thesis statement.
A GOOD ESSAY

Topic sentence + Bridge

Introduction + thesis statement

Sentence 1 + example

First body paragraph = idea 1

Sentence 2 + example

Second body paragraph = idea 2

Sentence 3

Third body paragraph = idea 13

Conclusion
YOUR EXERCISE: STEP 1

- DRAW A LINE
- Describe important events in your life from the day you were born until today
- Focus the MOMENT in Biological Context
- Example: birth, grow, puberty, get allergy, get vaccination, pregnant (like Mrs Tiwi) and give birth
Mrs Tiwi

- Born on 9 Feb
- Menarche at 12 y.o
- Suffered cytomegalovirus in 2005
- Married and had miscarriage in 2006
- Pregnant and Gave Birth in 2007
STEP 2: Discuss with Your Partner

- Work in Pairs
- Share your drawing
- Discuss with your partner
- Pick an interesting event / moment
- REMEMBER: Biological context!
STEP 3: 
ARRANGE AN ESSAY OUTLINE

- Develop the moment/ event you had chosen into a short essay (3-4 paragraphs)
- To make it easier, arrange an outline first, containing main idea + supporting ideas
- Remember the order of a good essay: Introduction, Body, Conclusion
Example:
The First Time I Had My Period

- **Introduction:**
  Adolescent is a transition period leads to change physically, psychologically and emotionally → Puberty
  Menarche is an exact sign of puberty in woman including me

- **Main Body**
  1. My body changed, My mood and emotion were disrupted
  3. I was shock the first time I had my period
  4. How I overcame my shock and handle my menarche
  5. My mother’s support

- **Conclusion**
  Menstruation is an important moment in a girl’s life
  It is annoying and even it may lead to depression
  The need of support and education
STEP 4: Develop Your Draft

- Check your draft with your partner
- Discuss and share with your partner
- Develop your outline into a complete story (do not be too long)
- Pay attention on the use of appropriate tenses and time expression
- Discuss and Share with your partner
STEP 5: Giving Feedback to Your Essay

- Find another pairs
- Swap your pairs’ works with them
- Check and assess the essay
- Try to give feedback and MARK (give a score to the essay)
- Once you have finished, return it to the owner for clarification