# Module 1

# Planning

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S tudents are hoped to be able to possess the skills to write 'academic writing' after following this course.

The Writing 2 course is a continuation of Writing 1 course that consists of procedures and the process of writing an academic discourse. It consists of planning, writing the drafts revising the draft till it become the final draft and ways to paraphrase, using quotations, making a summary, writing the bibliography, and abstract. This course also deals with the writing of business letters and essay writing in the form of critical essay and the final examination essay. Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) is provided and evaluation will be in the form of written test.

Students are able to write an outline of an academic written paper.

By the end of the lesson, with 80% accuracy you are expected to be able to:

- 1. choosing a topic for an academic writing assignment/prewriting;
- 2. determining the audience;
- 3. determine the aim of the academic writing focusing on the subject;
- 4. choosing and writing the topic sentence chosen;
- 5. making an outline of the academic writing assignment;
- 6. choosing and narrowing a topic;
- 7. outlining.

Academic Writing 2 consists of 'Planning 1':

- 1. choosing and narrowing topic;
- 2. outlining.

Description of main topics in this course is about the planning of making an academic writing text which consists of two subtopics. Subtopic I discusses about:

- 1. description and examples on how to choose the topic or subject in writing an academic text. The procedure consists of brainstorming, freewriting, clustering, observation, etc;
- 2. description and examples on how to determine the audience and the aim of the academic text.

Subtopic 2 consists of the explanation and examples on:

- 1. how to make an outline by using scratch outline, descriptive outline and clustering, etc;
- 2. to write a topic sentence.

### **The Writing Process**

Very few people pick up a pen or sit down at a computer and produce a perfect piece; writing on the first try. Most writers spend a lot of time thinking before they write and then work through a series of steps while they are composing. The final product is often the result of several careful revisions. It takes patience as well as skill to write well. You should think of writing as a process involving the following steps:

> Step One: Prewriting thinking about your topic Step Two: Planning organizing your material Step Three: Drafting using your ideas and plans to write a first draft Step Four: Revising

improving the focus, content, and organization

# **Step Five: Editing**

Checking grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and word choices

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# Choosing a Topic for an Academic Writing Assignment

C hoosing a topic for an academic written text has to consider important elements of good writing.

# **Elements of Good Writing: SPA**

SPA is an acronym that stands for subject, purpose, and audience-three of the most important elements of good writing.



Keeping these three elements in mind will help your writing stay focused. Let us now begin to discuss what is meant about pre writing: thinking about your topic on a) a *subject* that you know well and understand, b) a clear *purpose* for writing, and c) an *audience* that you have identified.

# Prewriting

Whether you enjoy writing or not, you will find it easier to write if you do some prewriting exercises to get started. For many people, the hardest part of writing is *getting started*. One of the prewriting techniques that writers use to generate ideas is brainstorming.

# **Brainstorming**

Brainstorming is a method used to generate a variety of ideas on a subject rapidly and spontaneously. It can be done alone or in a group. The purpose is to get down on paper as many ideas as possible without worrying about how you will use them. To brainstorm, you simply make a list of as many ideas as you can about a topic. Your list can include words, phrases, sentences, or even questions.

To brainstorm, follow these steps:

- 1. Begin with a broad topic.
- 2. Write down as many associations as you can in 10 minutes.
- 3. Add more items to your list by answering the questions what, how, when, where, why, and who.
- 4. Group the items on the list that go together.
- 5. Cross our items that do not belong.

Your list may seem much unfocused as you are working on it. But you will later go back and organize the items on your list and decide which ones you want to include in your essay and which you want to discard.

The following is an example of brainstorming on a general subject of *superstitions*.

# **Topic: Superstitions**

- 1. Friday 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2. breaking a mirror
- 3. always wear pearl necklace for tests
- 4. look for four-leaf clovers
- 5. sit on a left side of plane
- 6. sit in center of room for tests
- 7. wear lucky T-shirt for games

- 1. eat scrambled egg for breakfast on day of a game
- 2. don't walk under ladders
- 3. don't step on cracks
- 4. wear green when I fly
- 5. use lucky shoelaces in tennis shoes
- 6. switch watch to right wrist for tests
- es 7. never start a trip on Friday
- 8. finding a penny

In this example, after the author made her list, she read it over and decided to write an essay that focused on her personal superstitions. She grouped together similar ideas and eliminated items that did not fit in. In the end, she grouped her list into three categories: *superstitions about school travel* and *sport*.

School:

- 1. always wear pearl necklace for tests
- 2. sit in center of room for tests
- 3. switch watch to right wrist for tests

Sport:

- 1. wear lucky T-shirt for games
- 2. use lucky shoelaces in tennis shoes
- 3. eat scrambled egg for breakfast on day of a game

Travel:

- 1. sit on a left side of plane
- 2. never start a trip on Friday
- 3. wear green when I fly

# Subject

In order to write well, it is helpful to choose a topic that interests you and that you know and understand. If you are assigned a subject, try to find an angle of that subject you find interesting and want to explore. You will usually have to go through a process of narrowing down the general subject until you find an appropriate topic.

In the following example, the general subject *entertainment* has been narrowed down to The 1993 *Rolling Stones I World Tour*.

# ENTERTAINMENT Concerts Avril Lavigne 2004 World Tour



Find similar ideas and grouped our list into three categories: environmental awareness programs in school, travel and sport

	School:	Sport:
1)	use bicycles not cars for transportation	1)
2)		2)
3)		
	Travel:	
1)		
2)		

In the next example, the same general subject, *entertainment*, has been narrowed down to the *silent film era*.

### ENTERTAINMENT The Movies MOVIE HISTORY Early History Silent film Era: Clark Gable

#### Finding a subject

Go through the process of narrowing down each of the following general *subjects* until you find a specific angle that you would be interested in writing about!

## **TELEVISION PROGRAMS**

INNER-CITY CRIME

Write a few narrowed topics on your own book. Choose one that suits you well.

Key to Exercises

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School:

- 1) use bicycles not cars for transportation
- 2) use both side of a paper to write
- 3) use scratch paper when possible

Travel:

- Use a thermos for your soft drinks and reusable containers for your food.
- 2) Buy jumbo size, and pack your snacks in a plastic container.

Sport:

- 1) use recycled goods
- Pack a lunch, so YOU can help control the amount of trash around the stadium/gym.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMS Entertainment ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN Cartoon Movies JAPANESE MANGA MOVIE Inuyasha

> INNER-CITY CRIME ROBBERY Supermarket robbery Killing crime



#### **Elements of Good Writing: SPA**

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**Subject**. In order to write well, it is helpful to choose a topic that interests you and that you know and understand. If you are assigned a subject, try to find an angle of that subject you find interesting and want to explore. You will usually have to go through a process of narrowing down the general subject until you find an appropriate topic.



Read the following paragraph about families. Then look at the following diagram.

There are basically two types of families: nuclear families and extended families. The nuclear family usually consists of two parents (mother and father) and their children. The mother and father form the nucleus, or center, of the nuclear family. The children stay in the nuclear family until they marry. Then they form new nuclear families. Read the following diagram and see whether you understand the content.



The writer organizes the information in this paragraph according to the level of generality. The diagram shows three levels of generality in the paragraph. We find the most general information at:

- level 1: a general statement about families.
- level 2, we find a more specific statement about one type of family, the nuclear family.
- level 3 is the most specific information at. Here we find specific statements about the parents and the children in the nuclear family.

After reading the diagram, decide which pattern of organization does the above text belong to? Cross out the wrong pattern of organization.



Check your answers with the Key which is provided at the end of this module, and score your right answers. Then use the formula below to know your achievement level of the lesson in this module.

	Level of achievement = $\frac{\text{Score of the right answers}}{\text{Total score}} \times 100\%$				
Mea	Meaning of level of achievement: 90 - 100% = very good				
	80 - 89% = good				
	70 - 79% = average				
	< 70% = bad				

If your level of achievement reaches 80% or more, you can on to the next Unit. **Good!** But if your level of mastery is less than 80%, you have to study again this unit, especially parts which you haven't mastered.

# UNIT 2

# Determining the Audience

# A. AUDIENCE: WHO IS GOING TO READ YOUR WRITING?

#### Audience

What you write about (subject) and your reason for writing (purpose) are greatly affected by whom you expect will read the final product (audience). Because you will almost always be writing for an audience, you will communicate your ideas more effectively if you keep that audience in mind. Remember that all audiences have expectations, but those expectations vary from one audience to another.

As you work through this book, your audience will usually be your teacher or classmates. However, you will occasionally be asked to write with another audience in mind. This will give you practice in choosing the appropriate words and varying the tone of your writing.

In academic writing, the audiences are people of the same field of specialties or other people who are interested in the topic you have chosen. The text in academic writing uses formal language that consists of:

- 1. technical words are words only in one specialty field and not used in other areas, e.g. kidney;
- 2. sub-technical words are words used in more than one specialty field such as vein in blood-vein or vein of plants;
- 3. common words are words that are not technical or sub-technical words.

Read the following two letters and notice the difference in tone.

Dear Maggy,	Sunshine Industries
	27 Laredo Drive
Just a short note to let you	Santa Fe, New Mexico 78250
know I'll be in New York on the	,
11 <sup>th</sup> for a business meeting. I'll	June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1998
have some free time that	
afternoon. Let's have lunch	Craig L Dicker, President
together Let me know if this	Indigo, Inc.
works for you. Mom mentioned	3140 East 39 <sup>th</sup> Street
-	New York
that you are probably free for	New TOTK
lunch. By the way, I bumped	Deen Mar. Disken
into your old friend Donna last	Dear Mr. Dicker,
week. She asked me how you	
were doing. I guess she hasn't	I am writing to let you know that I
heard from you in a while. Why	will be in New York on August 11 <sup>th</sup>
don't you give her a call? See	and would like very much to meet
you soon.	with you and show you our new
	product line. If this is agreeable to
	you, I can meet you at your office
Love,	at 4:00 p.m. I would be pleased if
	you would join me for dinner after
Tom	our meeting. I look forward to
	hearing from you.
	Sincerely,
	Tom Cruise
	Vice President of Sales
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# **B. WRITING FOR DIFFERENT AUDIENCES**

A letter you would write to your best friend asking him or her to lend you some money would be quite different from a letter to a bank loan officer. The two letters would probably include different expressions and have a different tone.

- 1. On a separate piece of paper, write a letter to your best friend asking to borrow money.
- 2. Then write a letter to the loan officer at a bank asking to borrow money.
- 3. Compare your two letters and answer the following questions:
  - a. Which letter was easier for you to write? Why?

b. In which letter did you use a more formal style?

### **Determining Subject, Purpose, and Audience**

If you have that same kind of awareness of your audience when you write, you will be better able to decide what would be convincing or informative. Thus, if you are writing for your compatriots, you do not have to explain anything you assume they already know. On the other hand, if you are writing for someone not from your country, you will have to give explanations that your compatriots would not need. In the same way, if you wrote an article on the advantages of having a vertical 90 degree 16 valve combustion engine on a Honda Interceptor motorbike for readers with no particular knowledge of or having no interest in this subject, those readers would probably feel you were wasting their time. They would not be able to understand all the technical terms or concepts you would be using. Yet the same article might be quite interesting to readers of a motorcycle magazine.



The concept of audience is extremely helpful. If you identify clearly in your own mind who the members of your audience are you will be better able to make assumptions about what they know, what they do not know, and what they want to know. This knowledge will help you make decisions about all aspects of your paper:

- a. what explanations you must give to make your ideas clear to your reader;
- b. what types of explanations would be most helpful how to organize your explanations;
- c. whether to write informally or formally;
- d. how careful to be of correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

One special writing situation is writing for your teacher. Discuss these questions in class:

- a. How is writing for teachers different from writing for other audiences?
- b. What does your English teacher expect when she or he reads your writing?
- c. What do other teachers expect from your writing?

4) In this part of discussion, we will discuss about writing for academic purposes.

Still, no matter where you are in the writing process, keep in mind that eventually your writing will be read by some specific readers. Read the format below on Analyzing the Audience.

Name:		
1.	Who are your audience? Common occupation:	
	Position in company:	
	General level of education:	
	Area of specialization:	
Special interests in common:		
Other important factors:		
2.	What is the general level of English of your audience?	
	Most of the audience are: A. native speakers	
	<ul> <li>B. native and non-native speakers-mixed</li> <li>C. non-native speakers-generally advanced level</li> </ul>	
	D. non-native speakers-generally intermediate level	
3.	E. non-native speakers at different levels How much technical background do the audiences have?	
	Most of the audience are:	
	<ul> <li>A. experts in the field</li> <li>B. technically informed</li> </ul>	
	C. non technical	
	D. mixed technical backgrounds	
	E. don't know	
4.	How much do the audiences already know about the subject?	
5.	What do the audiences expect from your presentation?	
	A. What do the audience want or need to know?	
	B. When is the presentation due?	
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- C. How long should the presentation be?
- D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they?

Example of Analyzing the Audience for an oral written presentation

- 6. What other details of the speaking situation might affect your presentation?
  - A. How many people will be in the audience?
  - B. How will the audience be seated-in rows, in a circle, around a table, or in another way?
  - C. Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience, sit in front of them, sit at a large table with them, or what?
  - D. Will the situation be formal or informal?
  - E. Where will the presentation be given? How large will the room be?
  - F. What facilities will be available that you need to use?



As you can see, English-speaking writers are very conscious of their readers. If the communication between writer and reader breaks down, it is generally considered the writer's fault. It is up to the writer to accommodate the reader by explaining the ideas as fully and as clearly as necessary. Now read the following example of a format of Analyzing the Audience that has been filled. You can imagine who your audience is.

1.	Who are your audience?		
	Common occupation: professionals in science/English students		
	Position in company: <u>high level</u>		
	General le	evel of education: <u>university graduate</u>	
	Area of sp	pecialization: many different areas	
	Special in	terests in common: <u>scientific/technical issues</u>	
	Other imp	portant factors: <u>many different nationalities</u>	
2.	What is th	ne general level of English of your audience?	
	Most of th	ne audience are:	
	Α.	native speakers	
	В.	native and non-native speakers-mixed	
	С.	non-native speakers-generally advanced level	
	D.	non-native speakers-generally intermediate level	
	(E.)	non-native speakers at different levels	
3.	How much	h technical background do the audience have?	
	Most of th	ne audience are:	
	( <u>A</u> .)	experts in the field	
	В.	technically informed	
	С.	non technical	
	D.	mixed technical backgrounds	
	Ε.	don't know	
4.	How much	h do the audiences already know about the subject? <u>Not</u>	
	much abo	ut my specialty—health	
5.	What do t	he audiences expect from your presentation?	
	Α.	What do the audience want or need to know? <u>They</u>	
		want to know about current health issues	
	В.	When is the presentation due? In a week, on March 1	

С.	How long should the presentation be? <u>5-7 minutes</u>
D.	Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they?
	Follow guidelines in text-DO NOT READ NOTES!

## Example of Analyzing the Audience for a written presentation

6.	What other details of the speaking situation might affect your		
	presentat	presentation?	
	Α.	How many people will be in the audience? <u>About 20</u>	
	В.	How will the audience be seated-in rows, in a circle,	
		around a table, or in another way? In rows	
	С.	Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience,	
		sit in front of them, sit at a large table with them, or	
		what? <u>stand in front of them</u>	
	D.	Will the situation be formal or informal? informal	
	Ε.	Where will the presentation be given? How large will	
		the room be? In the classroom	
	F.	What facilities will be available that you need to use?	
		Overhead projector and power points	
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# 💐 Writing for Different Audiences 💐

How to determine the different audiences for different texts written is very important. Look at the following selections or the subject of friendships in the United States. Both were written by the same student, but each was aimed at a different audience. Each therefore has a slightly different emphasis, depending on the author's relationship with the particular audience and what she has decided that audience needs and wants to hear. The first example was written to a friend back home.



# Text 1

You asked me if I have made any American friends since I've been here. To tell you the truth, I don't know. Americans seem to have an idea about friendship different from ours. First, everyone is very friendly. People smile and even sometimes say hello to me in the street-people I don't even know! Both boys and girls! And at the dorm everyone seems kind, friendly, smiling too. They say things like "We'll have to get together some time" or "Stop by some time." But they never have time just then to chat a little longer. They're always in a hurry, on their way somewhere. Another thing is they'll ask about Egypt but they don't really seem to care about the answer, besides just noticing that our customs are different. And they really know nothing about Egypt or much of the rest of the world.

I think of you and Karima and the long discussions we had about our lives and about the world. That's what friendship means to me. I think of the many times I needed your help and even if you had your own problems, you always helped me. I haven't found that here even after one year of living here. I don't mean to complain, but you did ask. I guess I can say it's very easy here to make acquaintances but I'm not sure what friendship means in American terms.

(235 words)

Common occupation:	
Position in company:	
General level of education:	
Area of specialization:	
Special interests in common:	
Other important factors:	
	Who are your audience?         Common occupation:         Position in company:         General level of education:         Area of specialization:         Special interests in common:

The format for Analyzing the Audience

2. What is the general level of English of your audience? Most of the audience are: A. native speakers B. native and non-native speakers-mixed C. non-native speakers-generally advanced level D. non-native speakers-generally intermediate level E. non-native speakers at different levels 3. How much technical background do the audience have? Most of the audience are: A. experts in the field B. technically informed C. non technical D. mixed technical backgrounds E. don't know 4. How much do the audiences already know about the subject? 5. What do the audiences expect from your presentation? A. What do the audience want or need to know? B. When is the presentation due? C. How long should the presentation be? D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they?

The following was written for a class on social relations. Read the text and fill in the format below.

### Text 2

Polite social relations appear to be on one hand quite important in American society and on the other hand somewhat superficial. The cordiality may be seen in the typical American's behavior toward strangers on the street. A person will quite readily nod, smile, or even say hello to a stranger passing in the street. Americans smile easily and extend invitations to people they hardly know. On the other hand, there is a certain superficiality to this friendliness since Americans also tend to value the individual over the community. They drive to work in separate cars, each encased in his/her own private box. When they arrive at a crowded beach, they will head for solitude, isolation, a spot on the beach away from other people. Furthermore, although friendships everywhere are necessarily based on a certain amount of trust, that trust is apparently conditional in American society. Thus, for example, an American would not find it strange to be asked to sign an IOU if he or she borrowed money from a friend. For an outsider, therefore, it is often difficult to see at what point an American considers another to be a friend and exactly what being a friend entails.

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Desition in company
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Area of specialization:
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The format for Analyzing the Audience

The format for Analyzing the Audience for a presentation

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presentat	presentation?		
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C.	Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience, sit in front of them, sit at a large table with them, or what?		
D.	Will the situation be formal or informal?		
E.	Where will the presentation be given? How large will the room be?		
F.	What facilities will be available that you need to use?		

Key to Exercises

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The format for Analyzing the Audience
1. Who are your audience?
Common occupation: students
Position in company:
General level of education: university level students
Area of specialization:
Special interests in common:
Other important factors:
2. What is the general level of English of your audience?
Most of the audience are:
A native speakers
(B.) native and non-native speakers-mixed
C. non-native speakers-generally advanced level
A non-native speakers-generally intermediate level
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- 3. How much technical background do the audiences have? Most of the audience are:
  - A. experts in the field
  - B. technically informed
  - C. non technical
  - D. mixed technical backgrounds
  - E. don't know

4. How much do the audience already know about the subject? At least they know about cross cultural understanding issues5. What do the audiences expect from your written text?

- A. What do the audience want or need to know? The effect of appropriate friendship
- B. When is the written text due? At the end of the semester
- C. How long should the presentation be? Not more than 200 words
- D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they?

The format for Analyzing the Audience for a presentation

6. What other details of the speaking situation might affect your presentation?

- A. How many people will be in the audience? *Twenty-five*
- B. How will the audience be seated in rows, in a circle, around a table, or in another way? *In a circle*
- C. Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience, sit in front of them, sit at a large table with them, or what? sit in front of them
- D. Will the situation be formal or informal? formal
- E. Where will the presentation be given? How large will the room be? *Twenty five square meters*
- F. What facilities will be available that you need to use? OHP, power point



#### Determining the audience Audience

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Keep in mind that your writing will be read by some specific readers. If the communication between writer and reader breaks down, it is generally considered the writer's fault. It is up to the writer to accommodate the reader by explaining the ideas as fully and as clearly as necessary.

# FORMATIVE TEST 2\_\_\_\_

Read the following text and fill in the format for Analyzing the Audience that follows.

#### Text 3

Visiting American football games at the University of Tennesstee is an exciting adventure because there are so many interesting things to watch besides the game itself, especially the spectators. First of all there are thousands of people in the stadium wearing orange clothes and shouting, "Go Big Orange." Orange is tile color of U.T., and this is the reason Tennessee got the name "Big Orange Country." Compared to German soccer games, you find a lot more young people among the spectators, nearly as many girls as boys. But people seem to have quite different interests in coming to the game; while some of the spectators are really interested in watching the game itself, many of them seem to use this kind of meeting more as asocial event and a chance to party. Some of the girls, for example, dress up very well, put on fresh makeup, and climb up all the rows of the stadium in their high heels! After a while some of these boys and girls just get tired and leave the game

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ſ	Name:		
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		Common occupation:	
		Position in company:	
		General level of education:	
		Area of specialization:	
		Special interests in common:	
		Other important factors:	
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- B. When is the presentation due?
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- D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they?

The format for Analyzing the Audience for a presentation

6. What other details of the speaking situation might affect your presentation?

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- F. What facilities will be available that you need to use?

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# UNIT 3

# Determining the Aim in the Academic Writing

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Besides your audience, another important idea to keep in mind was you compose and revise a draft is your reason for writing, your reason for wanting to tell your audience about your subject, There are two basic reasons for writing (although one does not necessarily exclude the other: a) to express yourself and b) to communicate with someone else. When you keep a journal, your reason for writing is to express yourself; it doesn't matter whether anyone reads, understands, or likes what you have written. When you are writing to communicate, on the other hand, it is helpful to know not just with whom you want to communicate, but also what you are trying to accomplish by writing your text.

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For each of the following, write down what you think the author's purpose might have been in writing on this subject.

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Read the following list of topics being discussed between two people or a writer and his audience on general interests, science, engineering, and health sciences.

General Interest		
1.	(colleague to colleague) The Science Institute is offering a	
	weekend workshop in your field. You are both interested in	
	attending it.	
2.	(consultant to consultant) Work is behind schedule. The project	
	will not be completed on the required date.	
3.	(friend to friend) Your friend is having trouble sleeping at night.	
4.	(supervisor to supervisor) Production levels are low.	
5.	(researcher to research assistant) Several animals used in	
	experiments have died.	

- 6. (colleague to colleague) Your colleague's car won't start.
- 7. *(employee to supervisor)* The response time on your terminal is too slow.
- 8. *(administrator to administrator)* Technicians have asked for inservice training.
- 9. (friend to friend) Your friend is trying to stop smoking.
- 10. *(employee to director)* A piece of equipment is not working properly.

#### Science

- 11. *(manager to secretary)* The leaves on the plants in the office are turning yellow.
- 12. *(consultant to director)* Mildew has begun to attack many books in the library.
- 13. (consultant to consultant) Oil from a nearby oil spill is being washed onto the beaches.
- 14. *(colleague to colleague)* The company you work for has violated a safety requirement.
- 15. *(friend to friend)* You are swimming and see lightning in the distance.

#### Engineering

- 16. *(employee to executive)* The water supply is contaminated due to the improper disposal of sewage.
- 17. (supervisor to supervisor) Several construction crew accidents have occurred recently.
- 18. *(colleague to colleague)* A proposed highway will have to go through a residential area.
- 19. *(colleague to colleague)* A metal is needed that will conduct electricity.
- 20. (colleague to colleague) A cold, icy winter has badly damaged the city's roads.

#### Health

- 21. (colleague to colleague) A patient is not responding to antibiotic treatment.
- 22. (supervisor to employee) There is a flu epidemic.
- 23. (consultant to consultant) A couple wants a child. They are afraid of passing on an inherited disease.
- 24. (colleague to colleague) A patient is asking for a drug to relieve his pain.
- 25. *(supervisor to supervisor)* The number of cases of food poisoning has increased in the past two months.

#### **Exercise 4**

Although an author may have one main purpose in writing, the text may sometimes fulfill other purposes as well. Read the following texts written by students and try to determine each student's main purpose and any secondary purposes.

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FORMATIVE TEST 3

Read the following text 6 and answer the questions that follow

- It stays connected all over the world so you can, too.
- 1) Main purpose:
- 2) What makes you think so?
- THE BEST INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS CARRIER JUST GOT BETTER

Now you can use your AT&T Wireless phone to travel the world and still stay close to those who matter most—all with your same wireless phone and number. Whether you call back home or others call you, you'll stay connected from over 140 countries worldwide. Find out how to take advantage of our lowest summer roaming rates ever from select European countries. To sign up, visit a store or call today

# USE YOUR SAME PHONE AND NUMBER OVERSEAS.

4) What makes you think so?

3) Secondary purpose(s):

- 5) Did you have trouble determining the purpose of this advertisement?
- 6) Who do you think was the intended audience for this advertisement?

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## Choosing and Writing the Topic Sentence Chosen

#### WRITING PREPARATION: ORGANIZING THE INFORMATION

#### 1. Determining the Central Idea

When planning an informative writing, you need to develop a clear statement of your central idea. This central idea is the main point you are trying to make in your writing. It explains exactly what aspect of your topic you intend to cover. For example, you might want to choose robots as your subject. The topic of robots can be developed in a variety of ways. Your central idea might be (a) to explain the five types of arm robots, (b) to discuss the problems of using robots in a factory, (c) to analyze the advantages of using robots in a factory, (d) to describe the electric motor that drives a robot, (e) to explain how a robot recognizes things, or (f) to compare assembly lines using humans and those using robots. As you can see, the central idea states exactly what you intend to present in your writing. Thus, it controls what you include in your writing and also helps determine the arrangement of the main points.

#### 2. Arranging the Main Points

Once you have a clear statement of your central idea, you can start developing the body, or main section, of your presentation. The body consists of main points that develop your central idea in detail. These main points need to be arranged in a way that is clear both to you and to your audience. The organization of your presentation should make it easy for the audience to understand and to remember the information you present. You need to select a pattern of organization that will work best with your particular topic. Here are some of the most commonly used patterns of organization along with skeleton outlines of sample topics:

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This common pattern divides the topic into smaller subtopics. Your central idea often determines the natural subtopics of your subject: benefits, disadvantages, uses, types, categories, ways, or reasons. Other topics may fall into standardized subtopics or classifications such as the division of animals into vertebrates and invertebrates or matter into organic and inorganic. At other times you have to choose the logical divisions of a topic. For example, pollution is often divided into different types: air, water, noise. In addition, you might discuss the resources needed for a project by categorizing them into areas of personnel, equipment, and facilities. These subtopics are then presented in a logical order:

- a. from the least important to the most important,
- b. from the most important to the least important,
- c. from the simple to the complex,
- d. from the general to the specific,
- e. from the specific to the general,
- f. from the known to the unknown.
- a. Central idea: to classify something into categories
  - Body: 1) First category
    - 2) Second category
    - 3) Third category
    - 4) Fourth category
- b. Central idea: to explain the reasons for a certain decision
  - Body: 1) Most important reason
    - 2) Next most important reason
    - 3) Least important reason



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- a. Central idea: to discuss the progress of a project
  - Body: 1) Past
    - 2) Present
    - 3) Future
- b. Central idea: to explain the steps of a procedure
  - Body: 1) First step
    - 2) Second step
    - 3) Third step
    - 4) Fourth step
    - 5) Fifth step



In this pattern the points are arranged according to some logical arrangement in space, such as from east to west, from far to near, from left to right, from top to bottom, or from inside to outside. This pattern is often used in physical descriptions of objects and places.

- a. Central idea: to describe a building
  - *Body:* 1) First floor
    - 2) Second floor
    - 3) Third floor
    - 4) Fourth floor
- b. Central idea: to give a physical description of an object
  - Body: 1) Top
    - 2) Middle
    - 3) Bottom



You may follow several patterns in a problem- solution organization. First, you might analyze the problem in detail and then offer one or two possible solutions in the conclusion. Second, you can briefly state the problem and then give a detailed explanation of the solution(s). Third, you can explain the problem and then recommend the best solution.

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- a. Central idea: to explain a certain problem in detail
  - *Body:* 1) Definition of the problem
    - 2) Background of the problem
    - 3) Causes of the problem
    - 4) Effects of the problem
    - 5) Solutions to the problem
- b. Central idea: to discuss several possible solutions to a problem
  - *Body:* 1) Definition of the problem (causes and effects)
    - 2) Solution 1
    - 3) Solution 2
    - 4) Solution 3
    - 5) Solution 4
- c. Central idea: to recommend a specific solution to a problem
  - *Body:* 1) Definition of the problem (causes and effects)
    - 2) Explanation of the recommended solution
    - 3) Reasons that this is the best solution



This pattern can be organized in two ways. In one pattern you give a detailed explanation of the causes of an event, mentioning the effects only briefly. In the other plan you emphasize the effects or results of the event.

- a. Central idea: to explain the main causes of a situation
  - *Body:* 1) Explanation of the situation (and its effects)
    - 2) First cause
    - 3) Second cause
    - 4) Third cause
    - 5) Fourth cause
- b. Central idea: to explain the main effects of a situation
  - *Body:* 1) Explanation of the situation (and its causes)
    - 2) First effect
    - 3) Second effect
    - 4) Third effect



In this pattern you present both sides of an issue, first discussing all of the details on one side of the question and then all of the details on the other side.

- a. Central idea: to explain reasons both for and against a position
  - *Body:* 1) Reasons against
    - 2) Reasons for



There are two basic patterns to follow when you compare or contrast two things: one-other and point-by-point. In the one-other pattern you use the things to be compared as the basis of organization. You first discuss one of the things to be compared in detail and then you discuss the other thing in detail. To make the comparison clear using this pattern, you need to discuss the same details in the same order. While the one-other pattern gives a general picture of the comparison, the point-by-point pattern emphasizes specific details. In the point-by-point pattern you use the points of comparison (or criteria) as the basis of organization. You then compare the two things point by point.

a. Central idea: to compare two solutions to a problem

*Body* (one-other pattern): 1) Solution 1

- a) Cost
- b) Practicality
- c) Side effects
- d) Disadvantages
- e) Advantages
- 2) Solution 2
  - a) Cost
  - b) Practicality
  - c) Side effects
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  - e) Advantages

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- b. Central idea: to compare two solutions to a problem *Body* (point-by-point pattern): 1) Cost
  - a) Solution 1
  - b) Solution 2
  - 2) Practicality
    - a) Solution 1
      - b) Solution 2
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    - a) Solution 1
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- \_\_\_\_\_ E. a description of a blast furnace
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#### Clustering

Clustering is a visual way of generating ideas by showing the connections among your ideas using circles and lines. To cluster, follow these steps:

Write your topic in the center of a blank page and draw a circle around it.

Think about your topic and write any ideas that come to mind in circles around the main circle.

Connect these ideas to the center word with a line.

Think about each of your new ideas and write more related ideas in circles around them.

Connect your new circles to their corresponding ideas.

When you are finished, your most promising topic will probably be the one with the most circles connected to it.

#### Freewriting

To freewrite, follow these steps:

- 1. Write your topic at the top of your page.
- 2. Start writing.
- 3. Write as much as you can and as fast as you can for 10 minutes.
- 4. Don't stop for any reason. Don't worry if your mind wanders away from your original ideas; let your ideas flow.
- 5. If you can't think of anything, write "my mind is blank, my mind is blank," or something similar, over and over again until a new thought comes into your mind.
- 6. Don't worry about mistakes. Just keep writing. You can go back later and edit.
- 7. Read your freewriting and see if there are any ideas you can develop into a paragraph.



1) Read the topics below in text 7 and write other possible topic sentences based on your own experience.

Торіс	Experience	Your own topic sentence
Financial aid for	This student was having financial	
international students.	problems. The student had no American	
Making American friends.	friends and wanted some. This student's father had been	
The Iranian and American	imprisoned for political activity and	
criminal justice systems.	she was taking a course in criminal justice.	
The question of Puerto	This student was from Puerto Rico	
Rico's becoming one of	and was going to have to decide on	
the United States.	how to vote on this question. This student was sending his four-	
Day care in the United States and China.	year-old son to day care while he and his wife attended classes.	

2) Prepare an informal outline based on your clustering diagram on environmental friendly farm products in text 8. Before filling the cluster diagram, list the farm products and its related clusters below.





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## UNIT 5

## Making an Outline of the Academic Writing Assignment

#### STARTING THE WRITING SESSION

After you have chosen or been assigned a role in the writing session, spend a few minutes preparing your ideas. Read the following articles below on how a topic on 'Threatened historical site' is supported by possible 'actions' regarding to the situation.

#### Threatened historical site

#### Situation

Two thousand-year-old treasures will soon be destroyed if a city builds a planned highway thorough an ancient cite. The Traffic department of this city says that this highway is necessary to relieve congested city streets. However, the proposed highway will run within a few feet of the world-famous historical site. In fact, according to the Traffic Department's plans, the highway will run through the middle of unexcavated temple. Archeologists oppose the plan. They say that the treasures of the temple will be lost forever if the highway is built. They also argue that vibration and pollution caused by traffic will weaken all of the ancient ruins. Business people in town fear that the loss of the ruins will result in a loss of tourism and thus a loss of income for the town. Traffic department engineers claim that the project will not cause any damage to the ancient site and that alternative routes will disrupt residential areas. A meeting has been called to discuss the situation.

#### **Brainstorming**

What are the different ways to solve the problem? Work to brainstorm as may as ideas as possible. You can use the following list to help you think of possible people or organizations ("agents") that might be able to take some action regarding the situation. In addition, the information under "actions" includes useful verbs and other vocabulary to guide you in developing a number of possible ideas. Since the information provided is not complete,

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you will have to add more details to develop these ideas into specific points. Of course, you can also add your own ideas. Write the ideas from the brainstorming session on a separate sheet of paper.

Agents	Actions	
Traffic Department engineer archeologists businesses	improve expand promote	public transportation
residents the local government the national government	move relocate enclose	ruins
5	restrict limit	use of cars
	abandon ban prohibit	building of highway
	build	bridge over ruins
	plan	alternative routes
	decrease	size of highway

The following are examples of outlining.

General interest

- 1. how to limit residents' use of electricity during peak periods
- 2. how to improve English class
- 3. how to encourage the use of public transportation
- 4. how to motivate workers
- 5. how to keep up to date in a particular field of specialization

## Science

- 6. how to improve crop yields
- 7. how to prevent the loss of wildlife
- 8. how to reduce water consumption
- 9. how to prevent computer crime
- 10. how to increase student enrollment in astrophysics

## Engineering

- 11. how to build a fuel-efficient house
- 12. how to increase the speed of ships in the water
- 13. how to reduce the noise of jet engines
- 14. how to lengthen the life of a battery
- 15. how to make cheaper cars

## Health

- 16. how to get children to take medicine
- 17. hw to reduce the risk of getting a cold
- 18. how to encourage men to become nurses
- 19. how to reduce cholesterol levels in your blood
- 20. how to improve the handling of patients' records

## Guidelines

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- 6. Demonstrate to the class how to conduct a simple experiment.

## Guidelines:

- 1. Choose a short experiment that is possible to do in front of the class.
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Examples of advertisement for outlining a written text regarding agents and action. The slanted words are 'agents' and the rest are 'actions'.

## On homemade sweets industry

## SWEET MEMORIES

Delight your inner child at The Old Lolly Shop, Adelaide, with a multicoloured display boiled sweets and oldfashioned candy. Stall 33, Central Market, Adelaide, (08) 8212 4122.

(27 words)

Examples of topic narrowed:

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- 2. Problem: Students have complaints about the class.
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- 4. Sign on a classroom blackboard: CLASS CANCELLED.
- 5. Problem: Many trees in a park are dying.
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- 7. Problem: The patient's temperature is above normal.
- 8. Newspaper headline: 150 PEOPLE DIE IN AIR DISASTER.
- 9. Problem: Much lab equipment has been disappearing lately.
- 10. Rumor: The company might be opening a new factory in another country.
- 11. Newspaper headline: BRIDGE COLLAPSES!
- 12. Advice: The company should manufacture a new product.
- 13. Problem: Parents are not having their children vaccinated.
- 14. Rumor: All high school students in the nation will be required to study physics.
- 15. Newspaper headline: LOCAL SCIENTIST WINS NOBEL PRIZE.
- 16. Problem: Many outstanding scientists are leaving universities to work in industry.
- 17. Advice: the city should build a new zoo.
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- 19. Problem: Road accidents are increasing.
- 20. Advertisement in newspaper: COMPUTER SALE!



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(73 words)

#### on fragrant soap home industry

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Read the table below in text 9.

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the government smokers nonsmokers	limit restrict	smoking areas
business companies	provide	separate smoking areas
schools the local media	sponsor promote support subsidize	public lectures media campaigns school programs
	reward	nonsmokers
	penalize	smokers
	ban prohibit forbid	smoking in all public places
	encourage	voluntary ban

Write down the topics below and make an outline on what your audience can understand, but one that they probably do not already know.

#### Sample topics:

- 1) how the media ban smoking in all public areas
- 2) how sedimentary rock is formed
- 3) how glass is made
- 4) how a star is formed
- 5) how petroleum is refined
- 6) how a volcano is formed
- 7) how paper is manufactured
- 8) how food is turned into energy
- 9) how satellite television functions
- 10) how plants are grafted
- 11) how clouds are seeded

#### Guidelines

The written text should include:

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- 2) A description of the basic apparatus,
- 3) An explanation of the theory or principle involved,
- 4) A step-by-step description of the process,

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

- 1) What is the topic of the text?
- 2) Who are the audience?
- 3) What is the topic sentence?
- 4) What is the outline of the text?

#### Text 10

#### **Preston's parties**

Bedecked in orchids and Asian-inspired motifs, a couple's Hampton estate plays host to their summer nuptials

There are two things that make what I do specially fulfilling: when I'm able to turn my clients' vision of their celebration into reality, and when the guests are amazed by the visual serenade we've created.

Nowhere was this truer than at the summer wedding of Kelly Posner and David gerstenhaber on their estate in Sagaponack, New York. The couple—he is a world famous economist and hedge-fund manager; she is a research scientist and philanthropist—wanted an Asianinfused environment that has both elegant and transporting.

The 200 guests entered through a canopy of celery-green silk held aloft by bamboo poles and lined with pots of water lilies. At the end of this ethereal walkway were a pond, rolling hills, and two weeping willows enhanced with handmade garlands of orchids that served as a chuppah. After the vows, everyone continued along a stone path that led to a Balinese-inspired tent, where the reception was held. There, they marveled at the tall manzanilla-branch centerpieces adorned with cymbidium orchids. At the tables a yellow orchid was tucked into each napkin, complemented by gardenias floating in shallow bowls.

The biggest crowd pleaser, however, was the band set up on an island surrounded by a moat filled with water lilies. Delighted at the sight, the newlyweds and their guests took full advantage of the dance floor around the moat to waltz throughout what was truly a joyous evening. (234 words)



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## Key to Formative Test

#### Formative Test 1

Read the following paragraph about families. Then look at the following diagram. There are basically two types of families: nuclear families and extended families. The nuclear family usually consists of two parents (mother and father) and their children. The mother and father form the nucleus, or center, of the nuclear family. The children stay in the nuclear family until they marry. Then they form new nuclear families. Read the following diagram and see whether you understand the content.



The writer organizes the information in this paragraph according to the level of generality. The diagram shows three levels of generality in the paragraph. We find the most general information at:

- level 1 : a general statement about families.
- level 2 : we find a more specific statement about one type of family, the nuclear family.
- level 3 : is the most specific information at. Here we find specific statements about the parents and the children in the nuclear family.

After reading the diagram, decide which pattern of organization does the above text belong to? Cross out the wrong pattern organization.



Formative Test 2

#### Text 3

Visiting American football games at the University of Tennesstee is an exciting adventure because there are so many interesting things to watch besides the game itself, especially the spectators. First of all there are thousands of people in the stadium wearing orange clothes and shouting, "Go Big Orange." Orange is tile color of U.T., and this is the reason Tennessee got the name "Big Orange Country." Compared to German soccer games, you find a lot more young people among the spectators, nearly as many girls as boys. But people seem to have quite different interests in coming to the game; while some of the spectators are really interested in watching the game itself, many of them seem to use this kind of meeting more as asocial event and a chance to party. Some of the girls, for example, dress up very well, put on fresh makeup, and climb up all the rows of the stadium in their high heels! After a while some of these boys and girls just get tired and leave the game without waiting to find out who won. Isn't that strange? And also, during the game, nobody has to worry about food and drink; everything you need will be served directly to your seat: Coca Cola, popcorn, and hot dogs. Even though it is forbidden to drink alcohol on campus, you can smell the whiskey in the air. Watching the audience and their behavior, I feel more as if I were attending a public festival than a sports attraction. Because there are so many interesting things going on in the stadium, it's not that easy to keep concentrated on the game itself.

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The format for Anaryzing the Audience
Name:
1. Who are your audience?
Common occupation: students or common people
Position in company:
General level of education: academic level
Area of specialization: mixed
Special interests in common: <i>sport: football</i>
Other important factors:
2. What is the general level of English of your audience?
Most of the audience are:
A. native speakers
(B.) native and non-native speakers-mixed
C. non-native speakers-generally advanced level
D. non-native speakers-generally intermediate level
E. non-native speakers at different levels
<ol><li>How much technical background do the audiences have?</li></ol>
Most of the audience are:
A. experts in the field
B. technically informed
C. non technical
(D.) mixed technical backgrounds
E. don't know
4. How much do the audiences already know about the subject?
Quite a lot on American football.
5. What do the audiences expect from your presentation?
A. What do the audience want or need to know? The specialty of
the American football fans.
B. When is the presentation due? Anytime
C. How long should the presentation be? <i>Ten minutes</i>
presentation and ten minutes for questions and answers.
D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they? No

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(	6.	Wł	at other details of the speaking situation might affect your
		pre	esentation?
		À.	How many people will be in the audience? 10-20 people
		Β.	How will the audience be seated in rows, in a circle, around a
			table, or in another way? <i>In a circle</i>
		С.	Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience, sit in
			front of them, sit at a large table with them, or what? Stand
			in front of them.
		D.	Will the situation be formal or informal? informal
		E	Where will the presentation be given? How large will the

E. Where will the presentation be given? How large will the

room be? In a classroom or in an informal meeting or American culture.

F. What facilities will be available that you need to use? Pictures of the football match and maps of the event.

#### Text 4

Probably most of your classmates have seen or eaten at a McDonald's restaurant either in the United States or at home. Discuss with the rest of the class what you would emphasize if you were an advertiser trying to persuade the following types of people to eat at McDonald's instead of another restaurant. Don't invent qualities for McDonald's; try to remember what you know.

Audience Presentation Emphasis on		Presentation Emphasis on
a)	a child under ten years old	kid's menu (Happy Meal) and play ground
b)	a high school student	Choices of separate menu for Rp. 5000, - each:
		hamburger, spaghetti or ice cream.
c)	a graduate student	<u>'paket hemat' meal</u>
d)	a couple with three children	"paket hemat' for the parents and 3 kid's meal
e)	a retired couple	
		<u>'paket hemat' discount of 20% and free coffee or tea.</u>

## The format for Analyzing the Audience

Name:	
1.	Who are your audience?
	Common occupation:
	Position in company:
	General level of education:
	Area of specialization:
	Special interests in common:
	Other important factors:
2.	What is the general level of English of your audience? Most of the audience are: A. native speakers

- B.) native and non-native speakers-mixed
- non-native speakers-generally advanced level
- D.) non-native speakers-generally intermediate level
- non-native speakers at different levels
- 3. How much technical background do the audiences have? Most of the audience are:
  - A. experts in the field
  - B. technically informed
  - C. non technical
  - A mixed technical backgrounds
  - E.) don't know
- 4. How much do the audiences already know about the subject? They know a lot about their subject.
- 5. What do the audiences expect from your presentation?
  - A. What do the audience's want or need to know? The difference approaches used to satisfy the customers' needs.
  - B. When is the presentation due? Anytime
  - C. How long should the presentation be? 15 minutes
  - D. Are there any special guidelines? If so, what are they? Use authentic materials for the presentation.

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- 6. What other details of the speaking situation might affect your presentation?
  - A. How many people will be in the audience? In a class of twenty.
  - B. How will the audience be seated in rows, in a circle, around a table, or in another way? *Two round tables with ten chairs each*.
  - C. Will you be expected to stand in front of the audience, sit in front of them, sit at a large table with them, or what? Sit at a large table with them.
  - D. Will the situation be formal or informal? informal
  - E. Where will the presentation be given? How large will the room be? In a restaurant or in class quite large enough for 20 people.
  - F. What facilities will be available that you need to use? Power point and McDonalds gift for presentation

#### Formative Test 3

Read the following text 6 and answer the questions that follow

## It stays connected all over the world so you can, too.

THE BEST INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS CARRIER JUST GOT BETTER

Now you can use your AT&T Wireless phone to travel the world and still stay close to those who matter most—all with your same wireless phone and number. Whether you call back home or others call you, you'll stay connected from over 140 countries worldwide. Find out how to take advantage of our lowest summer roaming rates ever from select European countries. To sign up, visit a store or call today

# USE YOUR SAME PHONE AND NUMBER OVERSEAS.

- 1) Main purpose: to attract people's attracted to the phone company.
- What makes you think so? 'Stays connected' is technical words in the communication business.
- Secondary purpose(s): makes people feel that they belong to the 'group' of people that could easily connect with each other.
- What makes you think so? From the word 'connected all over the world so you can, too'.
- Did you have trouble determining the purpose of this advertisement? No.
- 6) Who do you think was the intended audience for this advertisement? People who are using the phone and travel a lot. No matter what their age are.

#### Formative Test 4

1) Read the topics below in text 7 and write other possible topic sentences based on your own experience.

Торіс	Experience
Financial aid for international students.	This student was having financial problems.
Making American friends.	The student had no American friends and wanted some.
The Iranian and American criminal justice systems.	This student's father had been imprisoned for political activity and she was taking a course in criminal justice.
The question of Puerto Rico's becoming one of the United States.	This student was from Puerto Rico and was going to have to decide on how to vote on this question.
Day care in the United States and China.	This student was sending his four-year-old son to day care while he and his wife attended classes.

2) Prepare an informal outline based on your clustering diagram on environmental friendly farm products in text 8. Before filling the cluster diagram, list the farm products and its related clusters below.



#### Formative Test 5

Read the table below.

Agents	Actions	
the government smokers nonsmokers	limit restrict	smoking areas
business companies	provide	separate smoking areas
schools the local media	sponsor promote support subsidize	public lectures media campaigns school programs
	reward	nonsmokers
	penalize	smokers

Agents	Actions	
	ban prohibit forbid	smoking in all public places
	encourage	voluntary ban

Write down the topics below and make an outline on what your audience can understand, but one that they probably do not already know.

## Sample topics:

- 1) how sedimentary rock is formed
- 2) how glass is made
- 3) how a star is formed
- 4) how petroleum is refined
- 5) how a volcano is formed
- 6) how paper is manufactured
- 7) how food is turned into energy
- 8) how satellite television functions
- 9) how plants are grafted
- 10) how clouds are seeded

## Guidelines

- 1) The presentation should include:
  - a) An explanation of exactly what the process is
  - b) A description of the basic apparatus
  - c) No explanation of the theory or principle involved
  - d) A step-by-step description of the process
- 2) Do not go into so much detail that the audience are confused.
- 3) A visual aid such as a drawing or diagram may you're your audience understand the process more easily

Agents	Actions	
Sedimentary rock	is formed	by the fossilization process
glass	is made	by blowing the melted glass
Star	is formed	by providing education and talent

	l .	
Petroleum	is refined	by filtering process
A volcano	is formed	by eruption of magma from the center of magma to surface
Paper	is manufactured	by boiling the paper porridge and drying it into sheets of paper
Food	is turned into energy	by burning it in the body and formed to energy
Satellite television	functions	by connecting the waves from the satellite earth station into audio visual transform it to magnetic waves for the television
Plants	are grafted	by scratching fine lines on the plants' bark
Clouds	are seeded	by spraying the chemical rain from an airplane

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

## **Preston's parties**

Bedecked in orchids and Asian-inspired motifs, a couple's Hampton estate plays host to their summer nuptials

There are two things that make what I do specially fulfilling: when I'm able to turn my clients' vision of their celebration into reality, and when the guests are amazed by the visual serenade we've created. Nowhere was this truer than at the summer wedding of Kelly Posner and David gerstenhaber on their estate in Sagaponack, New York. The couple—he is a world famous economist and hedge-fund manager; she is a research scientist and philanthropist—wanted an Asian-infused environment that has both elegant and transporting.

The 200 guests entered through a canopy of celery-green silk held aloft by bamboo poles and lined with pots of water lilies. At the end of this ethereal walkway were a pond, rolling hills, and two weeping willows enhanced with handmade garlands of orchids that served as a chuppah. After the vows, everyone continued along a stone path that led to a Balinese-inspired tent, where the reception was held. There, they marveled at the tall manzanilla-branch centerpieces adorned with cymbidium orchids. At the tables a yellow orchid was tucked into each napkin, complemented by gardenias floating in shallow bowls.

The biggest crowd pleaser, however, was the band set up on an island surrounded by a moat filled with water lilies. Delighted at the sight, the newlyweds and their guests took full advantage of the dance floor around the moat to waltz throughout what was truly a joyous evening.

(234 words)

- 1) What is the topic of the text? Unique wedding parties
- 2) Who are the audience? Readers interested in travel, entertaining, fashion, and wedding organizer.
- 3) What is the topic sentence? There are two things that make what I do specially fulfilling: when I'm able to turn my clients' vision of their celebration into reality, and when the guests are amazed by the visual serenade we've created
- 4) What is the outline of the text?

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