

Academic English Basic

Lecture 4

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Agenda

- Free writing
- Homework for today (topic sentences)
- More practice on topic sentences
- Supporting sentences
- Concluding sentence
- Homework for next week

Free Writing

- Keep writing for 5 minutes.
- Make sure to keep your hand moving all the time (a two-second break is too long).
- For corrections, strike a single line through the error; do not use an eraser.
- Topic:
Knowing that we will die, why do we have to live?

Please circulate

- A piece of the Berlin Wall



Please circulate

- Note that many German words look similar to those in English (some are even identical).
 - November → November
 - name → Name
 - wind → Wind
 - gold → Gold
 - fish → Fisch
 - house → Haus
 - grün → Green

Titles revisited

- Let's compare the titles of the books written by scholars and those by non-scholars.

Homework (Example Paragraph 17 p. 58)

- Exercise can benefit people in several important ways.
(Note: this is the answer provided by Teacher's Manual, but I think that this T.S. needs to be improved.
Do you agree with me?)
- You will experience several good things by doing regular exercise.
- Exercise is beneficial for three reasons.
- Exercise will help you in many ways.

Homework (Example Paragraph 19 p. 60)

- An effective new method for learning foreign language vocabulary has two stages.
- You can learn foreign words easily in two steps.

Unit 3: Activity 5 (p. 55)

- Cats are nice as a pet for three reasons.
- Paris is known as the capital of France, but it is famous for many other reasons.
- The English alphabet has twenty-six letters, but this was not the case in Old English.
- Reading blogs is more interesting than reading boring texts in Gyutto-e.
- Running is an enjoyable hobby to people of all ages.

Unit 4

Supporting Sentences (p. 72)

- Supporting sentences expand the topics of the paragraph by giving details.
- Supporting sentences answer questions (Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How?)
- Let's do ACTIVITY 1 (p. 72) together.
- Then check the paragraphs in ACTIVITY 2

Supporting Sentences (p. 76)

- Good supporting sentences ...
 - Explain (説明)
 - Describe (記述)
 - Give reasons (理由を述べる)
 - Give facts (事実を述べる)
 - Give examples (例を挙げる)
 - Define (定義する)

- Shall we work on ACTIVITY 4 (p. 77)?

Concluding Sentences (p.86)

- A concluding sentence is usually the last sentence.
- It has one of four important purposes:
 - It **restates** the main idea. (メインアイデアを言い換える)
 - It offers a **suggestion**. (提案する)
 - It give an **opinion**. (意見を言う)
 - It makes a **prediction**. (予想する)

Concluding Sentences (p. 86)

- **Restating the main idea**

- Use transitional words like these!

In conclusion, Overall, For these reasons, Clearly

- **Offering a suggestion** (～したら? ～すべきです)

- If you want to have one of the most beautiful experiences that anyone can ever have, you should try snorkeling for a day.

Concluding Sentences (p. 86)

- **Giving an opinion** (～だと思います)
 - Looking back, I am not sorry that my parents were strict with me because I think it was the best way to bring up a child.
- **Making a prediction** (～になると思います)
 - If you eat a meal at Fresh Market, I am sure you will enjoy it tremendously.

Concluding Sentences

- What is the purpose of the concluding sentences we have seen so far?
 - If you follow all these steps, you will certainly enjoy your creation. (p. 7, Example Paragraph 2)
 - It is clear that eBook readers have certainly made students' lives much easier. (p. 16, Example Paragraph 5)
 - For these reasons, everyone knows about this city .(p. 18, Example Paragraph 7)

Concluding Sentences

- (Continued)
 - Seventy years after his achievements, Thorpe's name was finally returned to the list of 1912 Olympic winners. (p. 19, Example Paragraph 8)
 - Therefore, if you want to improve your overall health, you should exercise three or four times each week to accomplish this goal. (p. 58, Example Paragraph 17)
 - For many language students, this particular method is effective in learning new vocabulary in a foreign language. (p. 60, Example Paragraph 19)

Homework

- Please write a concluding sentence for Example Paragraph 30 and 31. (p. 88, 89)