

Practical English Writing

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Student C

As we have been taking this kind of courses for 3 years, I don't think we've yet learnt how to write a good article or even an essay. We usually spend a long time completing a work. I think we don't do enough brainstorming and we didn't get used to the steps that we should go through in writing an article. We're also afraid of making mistakes in grammar.

Grammar is important, but i think how to make our article more interesting and logical are what we can learn from this course. That's why most of people don't like writing course. It's so challenging and so difficult. Just take this homework as an example. We do feel nervous about this homework, as we don't know how to start or how to make an ending, especially those grammar mistakes and misspellings. It's really embarrassing. We need more training.

Student P

- I still can't write a simple paragraph without making mistake. And it takes me lots of time on writing no matter it's a long paragraph or not. I can't even image that writing an essay all by myself. So I really want to learn how to write efficiently and correctly and also how to write a interesting paragraph.

Student A

To me, writing paragraph or an essay always takes me a lot of time on checking the grammar and vocabulary, so after this year I hope I can learn how to write an essay and paragraph with using right tenses and using beautiful phrases.

Student R

For me, writing is not an easy work for me. It's a little bit complicated.

From the last three years, i had learn how to write a short paragraph.

But i had never write an essay before.

So, in this year, i want to learn how to write an essay.

Also, i want to improve my ideas about paragraph structure and sentence structure.

therefore, my article will be easy to understand and read.

Moreover, i think that if you want to write a good article, you must write and think logically.

Finally, i want to learn more vocabularies because it can help a lot when writing an article.

Student C

- I hope I can learn to write a paragraph with unity, coherence and a clear emphasis. Writing an essay is not easy to me, because I am not good at its organization. Another reason is that my vocabulary is not good, so I can never write a clear sentence. This year, this course is very important to me, and I hope I will learn to use accurate words and write a coherent article.

Topic, idea and supporting sentences

Every year during moon festival our family do a lot of things to celebrate.

Delicacy

Every year we celebrate the moon festival by eating moon-cakes and doing various (different XXX) activities.

Chinese Valentine's day is a day for lovers and children.

homework

- BBC news: “juggling increases brain power”
- Analyse the sentence structures of the first 5 paragraph
- Summarize: what it is all about