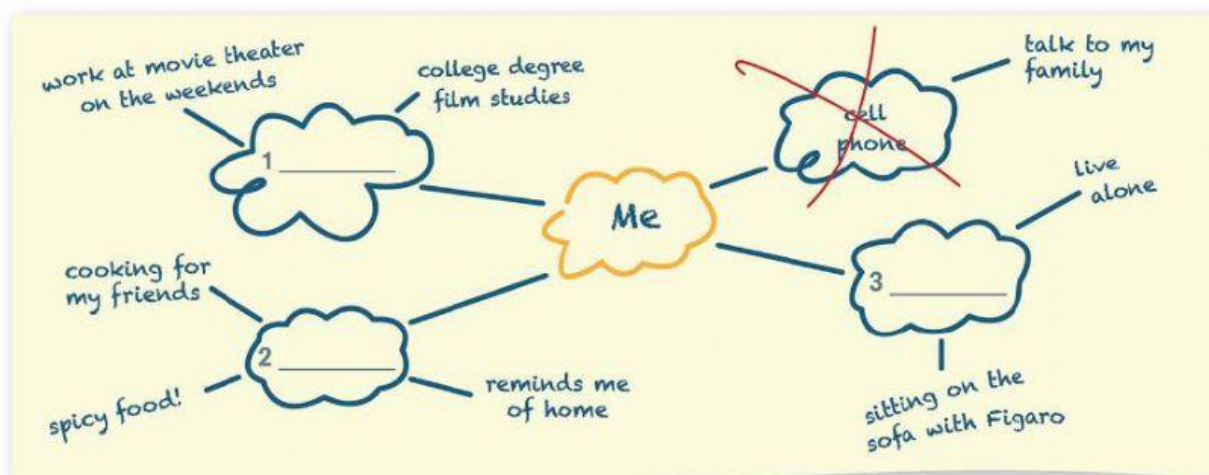


UNIT 1 D

WRITING SKILLS: MAKING NOTES



Skill making notes

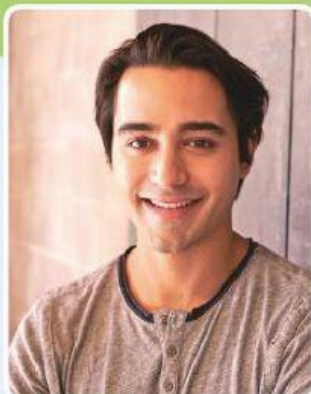
Making notes before you write is a good way to plan your work.

- Write as many ideas as you can about the main topics.
- Use diagrams like mind maps to see the ideas more clearly.
- Choose the best ideas and organize them into paragraphs.

4 1.17 Complete Julio's blog post with the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs in the box. Listen and check.

not agree love cook work live sit watch study

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Julio's blog

First, I chose a photo of Figaro, my cat, **because** he's very important to me. I ¹ _____ alone right now, so it is good to see a friendly face when I come home. I ² _____ animals, especially cats. In the photo, he ³ _____ on the sofa with me. He often sits with me, and we watch movies together.

I ⁴ _____ at a college in the U.S. now, but I'm from Mexico. **That's why** I also chose Mexican food. I love spicy food, and I often ⁵ _____ a big meal and invite all my friends over for dinner. It's great to get together with friends and, when I taste the food, I remember my friends and family back home.

I chose some movie tickets, because I work at a local movie theater on the weekends. I ⁶ _____ on a degree in film studies, **so** movies are a really important part of my life. Some people say I ⁷ _____ too many movies, but I ⁸ _____. I want to be a movie director, and I learn something new from every movie I watch.

Text builder expressing reasons and results

Reasons: *I chose a photo of my cat **because** he's very important to me.*

Results: *My cat is very important to me, **so** I chose a photo of him.*
*My cat is very important to me. **That's why** I chose a photo of him.*

A Read the Text builder. Complete the sentences *with because, so, or That's why!*

- 1 I think it's really important to stay in shape, _____ I go running every morning.
- 2 I didn't choose my cell phone _____ everybody has one, and it's not very special.
- 3 I design websites and I'm always connected to the Internet. _____ I chose my laptop.
- 4 My backpack is important to me _____ it reminds me of my trips to lots of countries.
- 5 I love art, but I'm too shy to take a picture of one of my paintings. _____ I chose my paints, instead.