

ACTIVITY 17 | Identifying concluding sentences

Read each paragraph and choose the best concluding sentence.

WORDS TO KNOW Paragraphs 2.18 to 2.19

careful: (adj) aware of danger; cautious

celebrate: (v) to do something to mark a special event

PARAGRAPH 2.18

Buying a Car

Buying a car requires **careful** planning. First, you must decide to buy a new or a used car. New cars can be expensive, but they are reliable. Used cars are cheaper, but they often need repairs. You must also decide on what type of car to buy. You can research different types of cars on the Internet to help you choose. The final decision is where to buy your car. Some places charge you more money than others.

- a. It is important to think about all of these things when you are buying a car.
- b. The most important thing is the kind of car that you want to buy.
- c. You can buy your new car from a friend or a car dealer.

PARAGRAPH 2.19

Hanami

Hanami, or flower viewing, is a popular Japanese tradition. Every spring, thousands of cherry trees bloom all over Japan. For two weeks during Hanami, friends and families gather in parks and the countryside to see the beautiful flowers and **celebrate** the beginning of spring. People make a lot of food and have picnics under the trees. There is a lot of music and dancing, and large groups of people walk through the parks together. The celebrations often go into the night.

- a. People like to be with their family and friends during Hanami.
- b. Looking at flowers during Hanami is interesting.
- c. Hanami is a Japanese custom many people love.

Mondays

I hate Mondays for many reasons. One reason is work. I get up early to go to work on Mondays. After a weekend of fun and relaxation, I do not like to do this. Another reason that I do not like Mondays is that I have three meetings every Monday. These meetings last a long time, and they are extremely boring. Traffic is also a big problem on Mondays. There are more cars on the road on Mondays. Drivers are in a hurry, and I must be more careful than usual when I drive.

- a. Mondays are worse than Tuesdays, but they are better than Sundays.
- b. I do not like meetings on Mondays.
- c. These are just a few reasons why I do not like Mondays.

ACTIVITY 20 | Collocations

Fill in the blank with the word that most naturally completes the phrase.

culture	dream	explain	patient	relax
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1. be _____ while waiting
2. clearly _____ the directions
3. _____ after a long day
4. my biggest _____
5. ancient Chinese _____

accident	check	explore	taste	traffic
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6. _____ delicious
7. _____ the dictionary
8. _____ new places
9. a serious car _____
10. heavy _____

ACTIVITY 21 | Word forms

Complete each sentence with the correct word form. Use the correct form of the nouns and verbs.

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE	SENTENCE PRACTICE
comfort	comfort	comfortable	1. My new dress is extremely _____. 2. Parents often _____ crying children.
connection	connect	connected	3. People can _____ with each other easily through the Internet. 4. I study at this library all the time because the WiFi _____ here is very good.
damage	damage	damaged	5. High-heeled shoes _____ wooden floors. 6. The _____ car does not work.
energy	energize	energetic	7. Young children can be very _____. 8. Riders need a lot of _____ to complete a race.
organization	organize	organized	9. There are many ways to _____ a closet. 10. My boss is a very _____ woman.

ACTIVITY 25 | Combining sentences

Combine the ideas into one sentence. You may change the word forms, but do not change or omit any ideas. There may be more than one answer. See Unit 1 for more information.

1. There is a meeting.
The meeting is important.
The meeting is on a calendar.
The calendar is Linh's.
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2. Carlos rides a bike to work.
The bike belongs to Carlos.
Carlos rides the bike every day.
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3. I have friends.
These friends are new.
These friends are in my English class.
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WRITING ACTIVITY: SENTENCE BUILDING PRACTICE (3 TASKS)

Name: _____

Topic: Free time: Outdoor vs Indoor

QUESTION: Some people prefer to spend their free time indoors. Other people prefer to spend their free time outdoors. Which do you prefer? Give specific reasons and examples.

TASK 1 — Sắp xếp từ thành câu hoàn chỉnh (Sentence Unscrambling)

Mỗi hàng dưới đây có các cụm từ bị xáo trộn. Hãy sắp xếp lại thành một câu hoàn chỉnh, viết câu đó vào cột cuối.

Đoạn A — Spending free time OUTDOORS

	Scrambled sentence (rearrange the chunks)	Write the complete sentence
Topic S	free time / I / outdoors / spend / prefer / to / my	
Reason 1	stay healthy / First, / me / help / outdoor activities	
Explain 1	with my friends / For example, / to play football / every weekend / I / like	
Reason 2	when / closer to nature / Second, / I am outside / I feel	
Explain 2	and / walking in the park / I enjoy / looking at the trees / For instance,	
Reason 3	after a busy week / Also, / help me relax / outdoor activities	
Explain 3	fresh and energetic / For example, / makes me feel / going for a bike ride	
Concluding Sentence	to indoor activities / For these reasons, / outdoor activities / I prefer	

Đoạn B — Spending free time INDOORS

	Scrambled sentence (rearrange the chunks)	Write the complete sentence
Topic S	indoors / I / spend / prefer / to / my free time	
Reason 1	at home / First, / more relaxed / I feel	
Explain 1	on my sofa / For example, / I like / to watch movies / or read books	
Reason 2	is often very hot / Second, / the weather / in my city	
Explain 2	in the afternoon / So, / it is not comfortable / to go outside	
Reason 3	by staying home / Also, / I can save money	
Explain 3	or food outside / For instance, / I do not need / to pay for transport	
Concluding Sentence	to outdoor activities / For these reasons, / indoor activities / I prefer	

TASK 2 — Nối Reason với Explain và phân loại Indoor / Outdoor

Bên dưới là 6 câu Reason (lý do) và 6 câu Explain (giải thích) bị trộn lẫn. Với mỗi câu Reason, hãy:

- Tìm câu Explain (A–F) giải thích đúng cho lý do đó, và
- Xác định lý do đó thuộc đoạn Indoor hay Outdoor.

Danh sách các câu Explain (A–F):

Letter	Explain sentence
A	We can talk and have fun together in a park.
B	I feel more relaxed when I breathe fresh air.
C	I do not need to travel to another place.
D	For example, I can walk or play badminton with my friends.
E	I can read books or watch films in my free time.
F	I can relax at home after a long day at school.

Bảng trả lời — Reason sentences:

#	Reason sentence	Matching Explain (A–F)	Indoor or Outdoor?
1	Being outdoors gives me fresh air.		
2	Staying indoors is more comfortable.		
3	Outdoor activities are good for my health.		
4	Staying at homes helps me save time and money		
5	I can enjoy my hobbies without going out.		
6	Spending time outdoors helps me spend time with my friends.		

TASK 3 — Viết hoàn chỉnh một đoạn văn

You should spend about 25 minutes on this task. Write a paragraph with six to ten sentences.

Some people prefer to spend their free time indoors. Other people prefer to spend their free time outdoors. Which do you prefer? Give specific reasons and examples.

Chọn MỘT trong hai chủ đề em thích hơn (Indoor hoặc Outdoor) và viết lại thành một đoạn văn hoàn chỉnh, sử dụng những câu và cấu trúc đã học ở Task 1 và Task 2. Có thể dùng lại các câu đã có, hoặc viết câu của riêng em.

☐ Outdoor ☐ Indoor

Self-check

- Câu đầu tiên nêu rõ ý kiến (topic sentence).
- Có đủ 3 reasons, mỗi reason có 1 explain đi kèm.
- Có dùng từ nối: First, Second, Also, For example, For instance, So, For these reasons.
- Câu cuối cùng khẳng định lại ý kiến (concluding sentence).
- Đoạn văn có từ 6–10 câu.