

UNIT 1: FAMILY & FRIENDS

E) WRITING

I. AN ESSAY

1. What is an essay? Fill one word in each blank.

An **essay** is longer and tells more information than a paragraph. It has 4 parts:

- A _____
- An _____: 1 paragraph
- _____ paragraphs: 2 or more paragraphs
- A _____: 1 paragraph

An essay usually includes _____ paragraphs or more. Each paragraph is _____.

II. ESSAY INTRODUCTION

1. Essay introduction. Fill one word in each blank.

The introduction of an essay has 2 sentences.

- The _____ **sentence** introduces the topic – what the essay is about. It is the _____ sentence in the introduction.
- The _____ **sentence** is about what you are going to say in your essay. It is the _____ sentence in the introduction.

2. From the given body sentences, write the introductory sentences and thesis sentences.

You can use the words in the brackets or come up with your own words.

a. (celebrate / different ways)

Introductory sentence: Tet is the greatest festival in Vietnam to celebrate a new year.

Thesis sentence: _____

Body:

- In the north, people buy peach blossoms to decorate their houses and make Chưng cake, a traditional Tet food.

- In the south, yellow apricot blossom is the traditional flower to display on Tet holiday and people eat Tét cake, the popular food to honor the ancestors.

b. (time / money)

Introductory sentence: _____

Thesis sentence: However, having a pet can have many benefits.

Body:

- You won't feel lonely with pets.
- Some kinds of pets, like dogs, protect you and your home.
- You can learn how to take care of something else.

c. (twins / personalities)

Introductory sentence: _____

Thesis sentence: _____

Body:

- Both Linh and Long have black hair, brown eyes and tall noses
- Linh has a great sense of humour and makes a lot of friends.
- Long is shy and likes having alone time.

3. Write an **introduction for the question below.**

Write about the person that you are closest to in your family.