

Academic Writing: Writing a Paragraph – Practice

Name: _____

Class: _____

Exercise 1. Identify the Structure (5 points)

Instruction

Read the paragraph below and identify the function of each sentence.

Paragraph

Reading books is one of the best habits for university students. First, reading improves vocabulary and grammar. Moreover, it helps students develop critical thinking skills. Finally, reading enhances academic writing ability. Therefore, students should develop a regular reading habit.

Complete the table

Sentence	Answer
Sentence 1	_____
Sentence 2	_____
Sentence 3	_____
Sentence 4	_____
Sentence 5	_____

Answer key

Sentence 1 → Topic Sentence

Sentence 2 → Supporting Sentence

Sentence 3 → Supporting Sentence

Sentence 4 → Supporting Sentence

Sentence 5 → Concluding Sentence

Exercise 2. Choose the Best Transition Word (5 points)

Choose the correct answer.

Question 1

Exercise improves physical health.

_____, it reduces stress.

- ☐ However
 - ☒ Moreover
 - ☐ Although
 - ☐ Therefore
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Question 2

Students should revise carefully.

_____, they can avoid grammar mistakes.

- ☐ Besides
 - ☒ Therefore
 - ☐ However
 - ☐ Instead
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Question 3

Reading improves vocabulary.

_____, it develops writing skills.

- ☐ Although
- ☒ In addition
- ☐ Therefore

- Instead
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Question 4

Writing requires practice.

_____, students should write every day.

- Nevertheless
 - Therefore
 - However
 - Although
-

Question 5

The paragraph is clear.

_____, the ideas are easy to understand.

- However
 - As a result
 - Although
 - Instead
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Exercise 3. Drag and Drop (5 points)

Instruction

Drag the labels into the correct boxes.

Labels

- Topic Sentence
 - Supporting Sentence
 - Concluding Sentence
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Box 1

Introduces the main idea.



Answer

Topic Sentence

Box 2

Develops the main idea with details.



Supporting Sentence

Box 3

Restates the main idea.



Concluding Sentence

Exercise 4. Reorder the Paragraph (5 points)

Arrange the following sentences into the correct order.

A.

Therefore, students should read books every day.

B.

Reading books is one of the best habits for university students.

C.

Reading improves vocabulary.

D.

It also develops critical thinking skills.

Correct order

① _____

② _____

③ _____

④ _____

Answer

B

↓

C

↓

D

↓

A

Exercise 5. Short Writing (10 points)

Write one topic sentence for the following topic.

Topic

Healthy Lifestyle

Footer

Total: 30 points