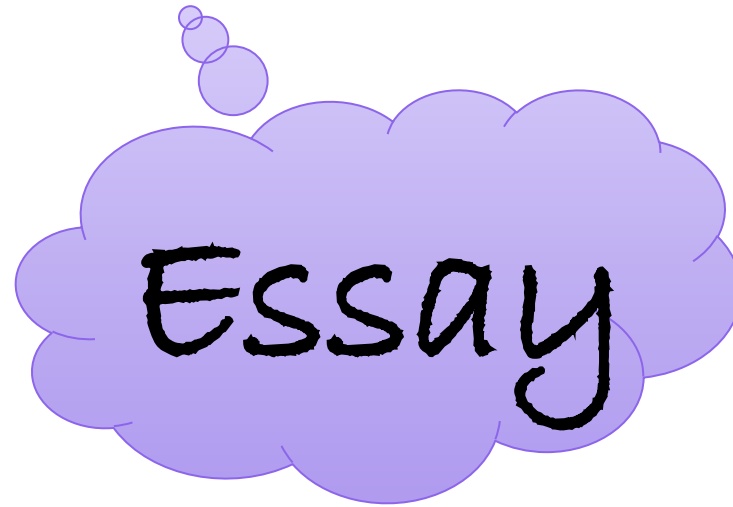


Writing .. 2nd stage



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❖ **What is an **Essay**?**

❖ **The Difference Between a Paragraph and an Essay?**

❖ **What is the difference between **writing a short paragraph and writing a whole page about one topic?****



Paragraph

One unit of writing about a single idea.

Usually 3–6 sentences (Topic sentence + Supporting sentences + Concluding sentence).

Essay

A group of paragraphs that develop a wider idea

- **Introduction** – opens the topic and includes the thesis statement.
- **Body Paragraphs** – develop and support the thesis with examples and details.
- **Conclusion** – summarizes the main idea and restates the thesis without adding new information.

Thesis Statement



A thesis statement is the main idea or opinion of your essay, usually at the end of the introduction.

Formula: Main Idea + Reason/Support

Example:

> Homework is useful because it helps students review lessons and build responsibility.

□ Writing the Introduction and Moving to Body Paragraphs

Writing an Introduction , the three parts of a good introduction:

Hook (General Opening)

A general statement or question to attract the reader.

Background Sentence

Give a little context about the topic.

Thesis Statement

The main idea or opinion.



➤ **Example >> Topic: Should students have homework?**

Many students spend hours doing assignments after school. Homework is a common part of education around the world. I believe homework is beneficial because it helps students review their lessons and develop responsibility .

➤ **Activity >> The Importance of Reading. (3–4 sentences)**

Body Paragraph Structure



- ✓ **Topic Sentence** –introduces the paragraph’s main idea.
- ✓ **Supporting Sentences** –explain or describe the idea.
- ✓ **Examples / Details / Evidence** –add facts or illustrations.
- ✓ **Concluding / Linking Sentence** –summarizes and connects to the next idea.

Topic: The Importance of Reading

Supporting Sentences: Explain how reading teaches us new things.

Example: History books example.

Many people enjoy reading books in their free time. **(Hook)** Reading is an important habit that helps people learn and grow. **(Background)** I believe reading is very important because it increases knowledge and improves imagination. **(Thesis)**

Reading helps people gain new knowledge. **(Topic Sentence)** When we read books, newspapers, or articles, we learn about different subjects and ideas. For example, reading history books teaches us about past events and how they affect the present. Therefore, reading allows people to become more educated and aware of the world.

Linking Sentence: Therefore, reading allows people to become more educated.

Homework (Mini Essay)

Topic: The Importance of Reading

Length: about 200~~250 words

□ Writing Body Paragraphs and Moving to Conclusion

- ✓ **Restatement of the thesis** –say your main idea again in different words.
- ✓ **Summary of main points** –briefly mention the key ideas from your body paragraphs.
- ✓ **Final thought / closing sentence** –give a general statement, suggestion, or opinion to leave a strong impression.

Example Topic: Homework

Thesis (from the introduction):

I believe homework is beneficial because it helps students review their lessons and develop responsibility.

Conclusion paragraph:

In conclusion, homework plays an important role in students' education. It allows them to practice what they learn in class and teaches them to manage their time responsibly. Therefore, homework is not just extra work; it is a useful tool for learning and growth.

Practice

write a full short essay about 50–100 words including:

- Introduction
- Two body paragraphs
- Conclusion

Possible topics:

- The benefits of sports
- Should students wear uniforms?