

ملخص التعبير والإنشاء (١)

(Composition 1)

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# Lecture 1

## Some Basics

### Some Basics we have to revise

#### Grammar:

- Simple Present
- Simple Past
- Present progressive
- Past progressive
- Present Perfect
- Past Perfect

### The simple present

- Remember:
  - ( s ) or no ( s )      sg vs. pl
  - happens usually

The woman works at a bank.

The man works at a bank.

They work(x) at a bank.

## Now you try:

- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ basketball at school. (play – plays)
- Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ TV in evening. (watches- watche)
- Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ to eat vanilla ice cream. (like – likes)
- Tom and Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ every year. (travel – travels)

## The simple past

### Remember:

\*-ed or different form of verb (e.g. *take -> took*)

The woman works at a bank. present

The woman worked at a bank. past

## Remember irregular verbs:

ring	rang
sing	sang
buy	bought
think	thought

You just have to know them. You don't have a choice.

## The present and past progressive

Remember:

(is/am/are/was/were) = -ing

He **is** walking in the street.

They **are** walking in the street.

I **am** walking in the street.

She **was** walking in the street.

We **were** walking in the street.

\* They walking in the street. X

## The present and Past perfect

Remember:

\*(have/has/had) + past participle

She **has eaten** her lunch.

They **have eaten** their lunch.

They **had eaten** their lunch.

\*He **eaten** his lunch. X

Thank You

# Lecture 2

## Chapter 1

### Education and Student Life

#### Before we write

- Before we write we usually need *ideas* and *words to express* those ideas.

So if we wanted to write a composition about the advantages and disadvantages of *studying abroad* we would need ideas and some vocabulary items to help us out.

Here are some ideas you might consider before writing your composition (see p4) :

**What Do You Think?**

**Ranking Factors**

Below are some factors a student might think about when choosing a college. Which ones are most important to you? Rank them in order from 1 (most important) to 12 (least important).

<u>2</u> class size	<u>4</u> courses offered
<u>6</u> facilities (libraries, laboratories)	<u>6</u> cost
<u>9</u> location	<u>1</u> ease of admission
<u>11</u> quality of classes	<u>12</u> prestige
<u>10</u> number of international students	<u>7</u> help with job placement
<u>8</u> special programs	<u>8</u> family connection

Now you need some vocabulary items (see p5):

nouns	verbs	adj
attendance	prefer	challenging
campus		diverse
disadvantage		huge
facility		impersonal
faculty		prestigious
location		
preference		
prestige		
scholarship		
student body		

## Advantages of a large or small college (p 6)

A large college might have many departments to choose from.

A large college might have more facilities.

A small college might have better teachers.

A small college might ask for less tuition.

### After you write down all your ideas :

After you write down all your ideas you now have to organize them so that the person who reads your composition would be able to understand what you are writing about.

You can do this by writing about the *most important ideas first* then write about the *less important ones*.

Giving reasons p(7)

**One important strategy to use in your composition is giving reasons to support your ideas.**

***idea***

A large college might have many departments to choose from.

***reason***

**If it is a large college then it will have more money to accommodate more departments.**

Thank You And  
Good Luck

# Lecture 3

## Writing a topic sentence:

The topic sentence usually comes at the beginning of a paragraph. It tells the reader the main idea of the paragraph. A good topic sentence shouldn't be too specific because it needs to relate to all the ideas in the paragraph. In addition, in an opinion paragraph, a good topic sentence will clearly state your opinion.

## Choosing the topic sentence

### **Topic: Advantages of studying abroad**

1. Students who study abroad often speak the language well.
- 2, 2, Studying abroad has three main advantages.
- V. . believe this for several reasons.
4. There are many good schools in foreign countries.
5. If possible, all college students should spend some time studying in a foreign country.

## Course forum

When you are done watching this lecture please go to the course forum and post a *topic sentence* for the following topic:  
The advantages of a large college.



## Using Connectors

**Developing Cohesion and Clarity**

**GIVING REASONS WITH BECAUSE, SO, AND THEREFORE**  
When you give reasons to support your opinions, you may want to use connectors that show cause or result. Note the different punctuation and capitalization in sentences with these three connectors.

Use **because** in phrases and clauses that state a cause or reason.

**Examples**  
Because large schools offer many different courses, students have a wide variety of subjects to choose from.  
Students at large schools have a wide variety of subjects to choose from **because** large schools offer many different courses.

Use **so** and **therefore** in phrases and clauses that state an effect or result.

**Examples**  
Large schools offer many different courses, **so** students have a wide variety of subjects to choose from.  
Large schools offer many different courses, **therefore**, students have a wide variety of subjects to choose from.  
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**1 Completing Sentences with Because, So, and Therefore** Complete the following sentences with **because**, **so**, or **therefore**.

- Students who study in a foreign country live with people who do not speak their native language. therefore, they will learn that country's language well.
- Public colleges are more practical because they are less expensive.
- When students attend a local college, they can live at home, \_\_\_\_\_ they don't have to spend a lot on rent and food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ international students have to study in a foreign language, they often have difficulty with their courses.
- International students spend a long time away from home. \_\_\_\_\_, they may lose touch with their own customs and culture.

USING CONNECTORS

culture.

### USING CONNECTING WORDS: IN ADDITION AND ALSO

In a paragraph, it's important to use connecting words—words that connect the ideas. Otherwise, the paragraph will sound choppy—that is, not smooth. You can make a paragraph more cohesive by using *in addition* and *also* to connect similar ideas.

*In addition* usually comes at the beginning of a sentence. In this position, it is always followed by a comma.

**Example**

It is very difficult to study abroad. *In addition*, it can be much more expensive than studying in your own country.

*Also* can come at the beginning of a sentence, before a simple present or a past tense verb, or after an auxiliary verb or modal. Note that if it comes at the beginning of a sentence, it is followed by a comma.

**Examples**

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### 2 Connecting Sentences with *Also* and *In Addition*

Use *also* and *in addition* to connect the sentences. More than one answer is possible.

1. Many students learn a lot about the world from their study abroad experience. They learn a lot about themselves.

*Many students learn a lot about the world from their study abroad experience. They also learn a lot about themselves.*

Good Luck

# Lecture 4

## Rewriting a Paragraph with Connecting Words (p. 11)

Studying abroad offers students many advantages. First of all, students have the opportunity to learn a new language by interacting with native speakers every day. The students live in a new culture, so they can learn both in and out of the classroom. Studying abroad teaches students that there are other ways of looking at the world. This is a very important part of education. Students learn to be flexible because they have to adapt to different ways of living. They experience another culture in a much more significant way than if they simply took a vacation to another country. Foreign students are far from home. Therefore, they have to become responsible and self-reliant. When they study abroad, students have an experience they will remember all their lives.

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### Using Transition Words and Phrases: *First of all* and *Finally*.

Use *first of all* and *finally* when you want to list several points. These are also called *listing cues*.

Note that *first of all* and *finally* come at the beginning of a sentence and are always followed by a comma.

There are many reasons international students might feel homesick. *First of all*, they may be away from their families for the first time. In addition, there is the problem of adapting to a completely different culture. *Finally*, not knowing the native language can make students feel isolated.

## Overgeneralization

When you write, do not make statements that are so general that they are not true.

### Example of Overgeneralizations

**All** international students work harder than other students.

*Is this always true?*

Avoid using *always* and *never*.

Use *usually, often, almost never* ... to give an opinion about something.

Teenagers are *often* irresponsible.

## Homework

Do exercise 6, on page 15.

Do items 2, 3, 4, and 5 only.

Please post your answer in the course forum.

**Thank You  
And  
Good Luck**

# Lecture 5

## Chapter 2

### Writing about Sense Details and Feelings

Think of ...

#### Things you can

See

Hear

Touch

Taste

Smell

#### Things you can

See → colorful, bright, cramped, gloomy

Hear → noisy

Touch → soft, smooth, rough

Taste → salty, spicy, bitter, sour, foul

Smell → rotten, foul

“My Neighborhood” page 26.  
We will read it together and see if we can identify any sense words.  
After that we will look at exercise 8 on the same page.

### Exercise 8, page 26-27

- Strange and unusual exotic
  - Small and pretty delicate
  - Very interesting fascinating
  - To make pretty brighten up
  - Sad-looking dull gray
  - To be proud of take pride in

### Hong Kong's neighborhoods are lively

What you can see:

I can see the street. It is crowded

What you can hear:

I can hear car horns. They are very noisy.

What you can smell:

I can smell some smoke coming out of cars. It is foul

What you can taste:

I can taste some famous foods from Hong Kong. They are very spicy.

What you can feel:

I can feel the warmth. The sun is very bright.

### Village in Europe

What you can see:

I can see the colorful houses with the gorgeous small plants boxes

What you can hear:

I can hear a woman singing while she waters the plants.

What you can smell:

I can smell the grass and a freshly baked cheery pie.

What you can taste:

I can taste the berries I just picked from the tree.

What you can feel:

I can feel the soft cool wind.