

WRITING

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WEEK 1



Writing

	1. Integrated Task	Independent Task
Time	(5 Minutes)+20 Minutes	30 Minutes
Number of Words	150-225 Words	(at least) 300 Words
Total Time	about 55-60 Minutes	

Independent Writing

- Second Task
- Familiar Topics
- Education, Job, Social life, Technology, etc



How to Improve Your TOEFL Writing Skill

- 1. Read the latest topics
- 2. Read samples by TOP SCORERS
- 3. Develop your own framework and writing strategy



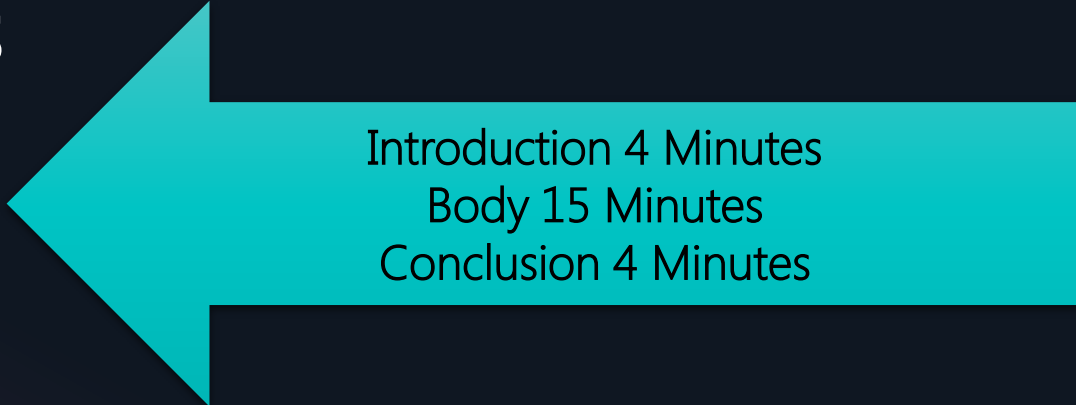
Independent Writing: Question Types: Argumentative Writing

- **Agree/ Disagree:** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? **It is important to read or watch news presented by people with different views than people by similar views.**
- **Preference:** Some teenagers take part in different kinds of activities such as musical classes, sports classes and so on, but others only focus on one activity which is important to them. Which idea do you support?
- **Explanation:** You are helping to select a leader for a student organization or a group. **Do you think a person's honesty is the most important characteristic for being a leader?**



Independent Writing TIME MANAGEMENT

- There are **THREE** steps in writing on the actual test:
- **I. Plan**
- 2-3 Minutes
- **II. Write**
- 23 minutes
- **III. Revise**
- 4 Minutes



Introduction 4 Minutes
Body 15 Minutes
Conclusion 4 Minutes

Independent Writing

- You may write 4-5 Paragraphs on the actual test:

Introduction

Body Paragraph 1

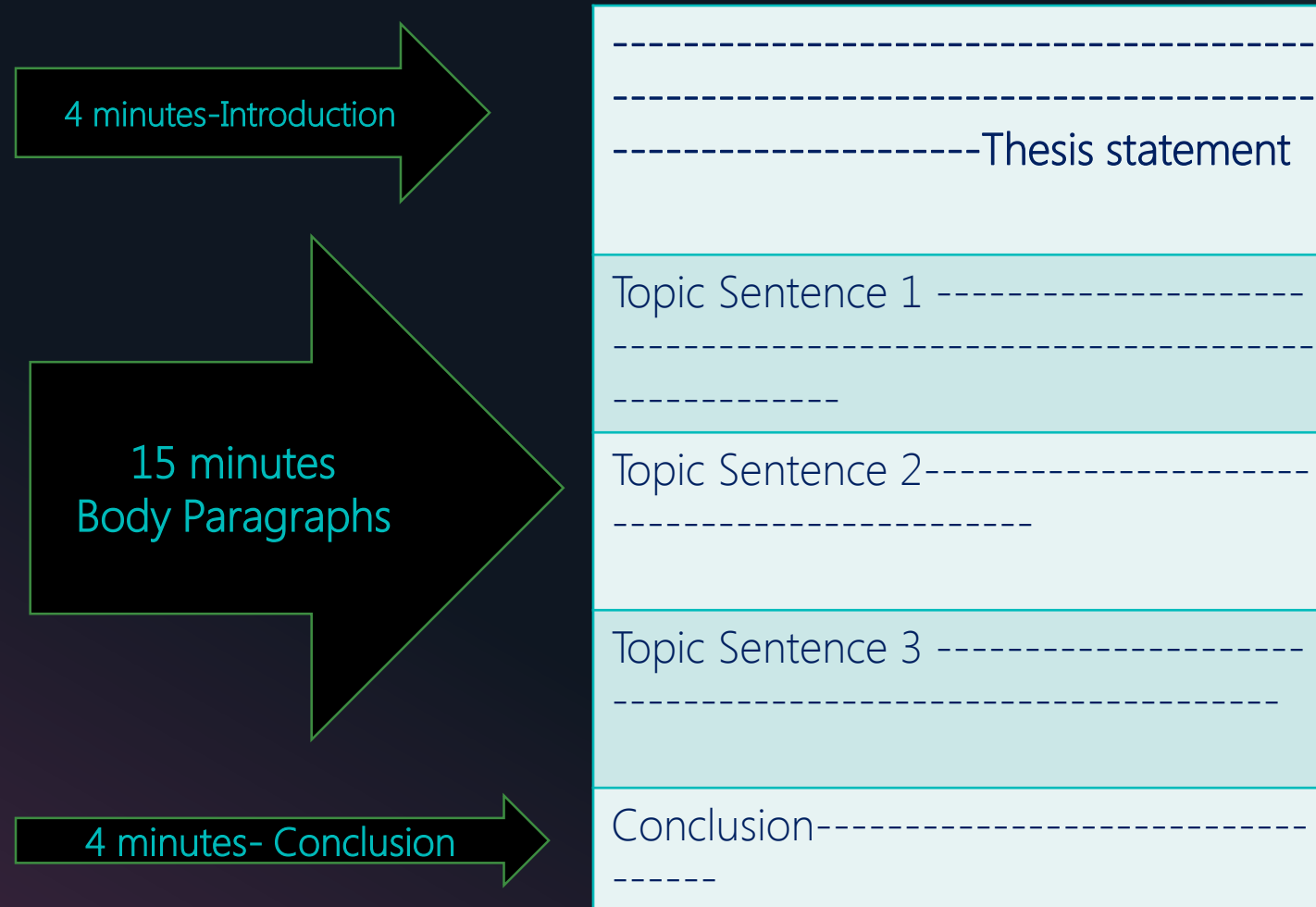
Body Paragraph 2

Body Paragraph 3

Conclusion



1. Plan Your essay by typing the Thesis statement and 2-3 topic sentences in 2-3 minutes.



Independent Writing: Sample Topic:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

- TV is harmful for children.

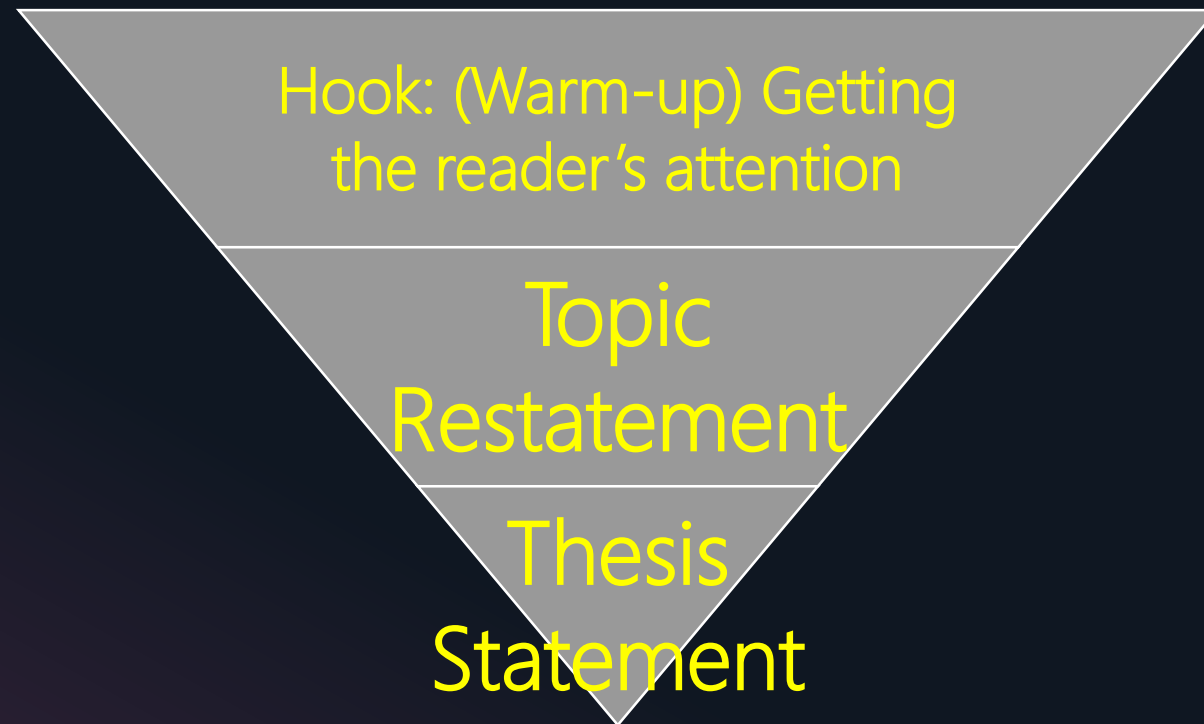


Independent Writing: Sample Plan

- In today's life, social and mass media including television are an inseparable part of our lives. TV programs target all age groups and children are no exception to this. Some may think that television programs are beneficial for children; however, **I believe that watching TV adversely affects children's life.**
- **Topic Sentence 1: First,** watching TV causes irreparable mental and physical health problems in the long run.
- **Topic Sentence 2: Furthermore,** watching TV prevents children from socializing with their family members and peers.
- **Topic Sentence 3: Finally,** by watching TV, children might be exposed to inappropriate programs.

Writing a good intro

- How to write an effective introduction on the test:



Sample Topic

- Write an introduction and 2-3 topic sentences on the following topic:
- Students aged 13-18 are taught different subjects by different teachers while younger students are taught by only one teacher all day long. Some people suggest it would benefit young students to be taught by different teachers. Do you agree with this view? Why or why not?



Sample Plan

- Undoubtedly, primary school is one of the most critical stages in every person's life. Accordingly, authorities and policy makers try to enhance its efficiency and tailor primary school classes to suit young children's needs. Although some may think that one of the best ways is that students are taught by one teacher the whole year, I agree that providing students with different teachers could help them more effectively.
- **First**, having several teachers in school leads to an easier process of discovering students' skills.
- **Second**, if students have several teachers in primary school, they will be able to develop a sense of sociability more easily.



Sample Topic

- Write an introduction and 2-3 topic sentences on the following topic:
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
- Universities should require every graduating student to take public speaking courses.
- Give specific examples and details to support your answer.



Class Practice: Model

- The courses university students take during their academic life could help them become qualified members of any given society. This is why curriculum designers plan to include subjects which can help students receive a well-rounded education. Some may oppose the idea of taking a public speaking course as they believe not all students need to become good speakers and communicators. **I, however, think all graduating students should be required to take a public speaking course.**
- **First off**, taking public speaking courses boosts students' self-confidence considerably.
- **Also**, being prepared for talking to public is essential for students' future jobs.

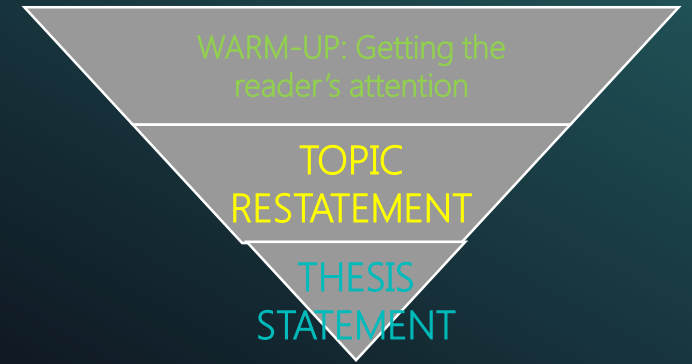


Sample Topic

- **Write an intro on the following topic:**
- **A university recognized first-year students have poor study skills in its university. Some in the university believe the best way to address this is to ask all first-year students to pass a course on study skills. Others don't agree with this requirement. What is your opinion?**



Sample Intro



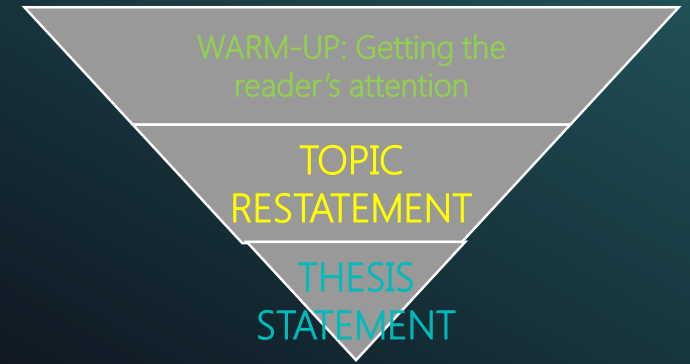
Nowadays almost all young adults aim to enter university in order to become qualified in their favorite field. However, at the beginning of their academic studies, they may face difficulties due to their poor study skills. Although some people may think passing a course on study skills should not be obligatory, I believe universities should offer such courses to prime their students to perform well in the upcoming semesters.

Sample Topic

- Write an intro on the following topic:
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important for governments to protect wild animals and wilderness areas for the future generations.



Sample Intro



- In the preceding decades, governments' plans and budget allocation have played a significant role in present and future generations' lives. Some people believe that it is important that governments allot adequate budget to wild animals and wilderness protection while others might take an opposite view. I personally believe that governments should take protection of animals and wilderness areas as one of their top priorities. In what follows, I will support my perspective.

Class Practice: Writing an Intro

- Write an intro on the following topic:
- At some universities students take part in making decisions about the issues that affect daily life of everyone on campus such as how many hours the libraries should be open each day or what kinds of food should be served in the cafeteria. But at some universities, experts are hired to make these decisions, and students are almost never involved. Which approach do you prefer and why?



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- **History shows that** the role of universities in making the world a better place to live has been undeniable. **Beyond any doubt,** if universities are administered effectively, they can have profound impacts on every aspect of modern world such as economy, politics, and so on. **An interesting question regarding** university policies is whether students should take part in making decisions about campus affairs. **I believe that** students should be involved in making campus affair decisions.



Class Practice: Writing an Intro

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- It is critically important that all children be raised in a supportive and healthy environment. In my opinion, it is more advantageous to raise young people in a major city, than to raise them in a rural area. I feel this way for two main reasons, which I will explore in the following essay.
- **First of all**, cities include a vast number of academic and cultural facilities, all of which help the intellectual development of children.
- **Secondly**, children who live in cities are exposed to people from many walks of life, while those in the countryside communicate with only one type of person.

