GRAMMAR and COMPOSITION

Grammar has 2 parts:

Parts of Speech

* Noun
* Verb
* Adjective (articles, numerals, demonstratives)
* Adverb
* Conjunction
* Pronoun
* Preposition
* Interjection (oh! Wow!)

Meaningful Linguistic Units

* Morpheme (suffix, root, prefix) **un**-happy
* Word
* Phrase
* Clause (idea)
* Sentence
* PARAGRAPH
* Text/ Essay

**Paragraph** has 5-9/11 **sentences**

**The Basic Structure of the Paragraph:**

* **Topic Sentence** (main idea of the paragraph)
* **Supportive sentences** (main supportive sent. / sub-supportive sent)
* **Closure** (conclusion sentence)

**Essay** has 5 or more **paragraphs**

**The Structure of the Academic Essay:**

* **Introduction** (Hook/ Background Inf./ Thesis: the main idea of the whole essay)

Thesis Statement- main idea of the Essay ( last sentence of Introduction)

* **Body Paragraphs** (Topic Sent./ Supportive sent/ closure-transitional sent)
* **Conclusion Paragraph** (Looping sent/summary/ Restate Thesis/ “Call for action”)

**PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE INCLUDES:**

**Topic Sentence**

**Supportive Sentences:**

* **Main Supportive Sentence 1**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Main Supportive Sentence 2**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Main Supportive Sentence 3**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**

**Closure Sentence**

**ALSO, use Transitional word/phrases**

Paragraph example: 10 sentences

**There are three reasons why Canada is one of the** **best countries in the world**. **First,** **Canada has an excellent health care system.** All Canadians have access to medical services at a reasonable price. For example, most Canadians pay $20 or less monthly for their medical insurance. **Second,** **Canada has a high standard of education.** Students are taught by well-trained teachers and are encouraged to continue studying at university. All Canadian colleges and universities provide financial aid to help students with tuition fees. **Finally,** **Canada's cities are clean and efficiently managed.** Canadian cities have many parks and lots of space for people to live. **As a result, Canada is a desirable place to** **live.**

**Making OUR PARAGRAPH:**

* **Topic sentence:** **Choosing a college or university can be difficult.**
* **Supporting ideas:**

1. Good Location……

…………..

1. Affordable…..

…………..

**3.** Good preparation for major…..

* **Concluding sentence:** **We should consider these points carefully when choosing the most appropriate college or university.**

**Choosing a college or university can be difficult. First of all, it is important to consider if the university is in a good location. We should make sure that it is in a safe place and close to our house. Secondly, we should take into account the affordability.** **It is important to know if we can pay for tuition or if the school has financial aid/loan opportunities. Also, some universities provide scholarships and grants to their students.** **Finally, we need to research if the university has good preparation for our major.** **Some schools have internship programs and also career services on campus. Hence, we should consider these points carefully when choosing the most appropriate college or university.**

**Another Paragraph Example with 2 topic sentences (topic sentence and sub-topic sentence)**

**MORE DEVELOPED PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE INCLUDES:**

**Topic Sentence**

* **Sub-topic Sentence**

**Supportive Sentences:**

* **Main Supportive Sentence 1**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Main Supportive Sentence 2**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Sub-supportive Sentences**
* **Main Supportive Sentence 3**

**Closure Sentence**

**See example below**

**Choosing a college or university can be difficult. The most difficult part is finding a university that prepares students well for the future career. First of all, a good location is very important when choosing a school. The environment should be safe and quiet to facilitate studying. Another difficulty in choosing a university or college is affordability. We need to be able to pay the tuition fees and living expenses. Some institutions might be able to offer scholarships. Finally, there should be possibilities near the school for part time or summer jobs in the major we choose so we can get some practical work experience. Thus, we should consider all of these points carefully when choosing the most appropriate college or university.**

**Paragraph: My 30-Day Goal**

***Inspired by the TED Speech: Try something new for 30 days - Matt Cutts***

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNP03fDSj1U**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNP03fDSj1U)

**Topic Sentence:** My 30-Day Goal is losing 10 pounds.

* **Sub-topic Sentence:** To make sure I achieve my goal, I need to consider 3 important changes.

**Supporting Sentences:**

* **Watching my diet**

**(cut the sweets; eat healthy; keep 8/16; drink water)**

* **Exercising**

**(5-10 min. in the morning/ walking before sleep/baking…)**

* **Controlling my sleep hours**

**(to make sure we sleep 6-8 hours)**

**Closure:** I will achieve my 30-day goal and lose 10 pounds if I do all I have planned.

**\* Now YOU try to compose YOUR Paragraph on Your 30 Day Goal**