

Organizing ideas in an outline

Example 1: Soccer—the sport for everyone!

Main idea A

Soccer is a sport enjoyed around the world because it is accessible to

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almost everyone. Soccer can be played anywhere: on a field, in a street,

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or in a schoolyard. In terms of equipment, all that is needed is a ball.

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Soccer players may wear cleats, sneakers, sandals, or simply play in bare

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feet. Teams may be made up of any number of players as long as the

two teams are equal in number.

A. Soccer is enjoyed around the world because it is accessible to almost everyone.

1. Soccer can be played anywhere.

2. The only equipment required is a ball.

3. Players may wear anything on their feet.

4. Teams may be of any size, and just need to be equal in number.

Example 2: The magic of music

Main idea A

Music helps keep non-academic kids in school. Kids have different interests and learning styles. Some young people do not respond to traditional math and reading instruction, but find a true connection with music. These students are more likely to stay in school if they can be doing something they love while attending school. For some, music might lead to a career.

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A. Music helps keep non-academic kids in school.

1. Some kids do not respond to traditional courses.
2. They find a connection with music.
3. These students may stay in school if they can study the subject they love.
4. Studying music in school might lead to a career.