Report Writing

Section 2

Agenda

- Cover Letter
- Practice

Cover Letter

- Also known as Application letter.
- You cannot send your resume alone.
- A cover letter should be sent with your resume

Cover Letter

- Specifically state what it is that you are applying for.
- Identify the reason that you are applying.
- Give the reasons that you feel you merit or qualify for the position.
- Identify what you hope to accomplish by sending your letter and the action you would like the recipient to take.

Application Letter (cont.)

- Refer to any other documents you have included with your letter.
- Include your contact information.
- Close your letter by sincerely thanking the person for his/her time or for any assistance he/she can give you.

Example

Dear [Recipients Name],

Please find enclosed my CV in application for the post advertised in the Guardian on 30 November.

The nature of my degree course has prepared me for this position. It involved a great deal of independent research, requiring initiative, self-motivation and a wide range of skills.

I am a fast and accurate writer, with a keen eye for detail and I should be very grateful for the opportunity to progress to market reporting. I am able to take on the responsibility of this position immediately, and have the enthusiasm and determination to ensure that I make a success of it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Sender's Name]

Practice on CVs

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Let's do some exercise

1- From types of technical writing are	?
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2- Writing process involves 3 steps which are.....

3- True or False....

- Avoid using personal pronouns like "you" or "we"
- Ending a letter with "Please feel free to call" adds friendliness to your conclusion.
- Using passive rather than active voice is allowed.
- Typing a message in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS emphasizes the importance of it.
- Good writing is difficult and time-consuming

4- If you don't know the name of someone when writing a formal letter, how should you begin the letter?

- a. Hi there
- b. Dear Sir/Madam
- c. To whoever
- d. An address is not needed

5- Why should you be careful when using a computer spellchecker?

- a. They only check certain words in your text.
- b. They cannot tell if they are correcting spelling or grammar.
- c. They do not check for meaning or context of word.
- d. They are not always activated.

6- Passive voice

- a. Should never be used in business as it deactivates the sentence
- b. Should be used often in business because it is more formal
- c. Should be used when emphasizing the action rather than the actor

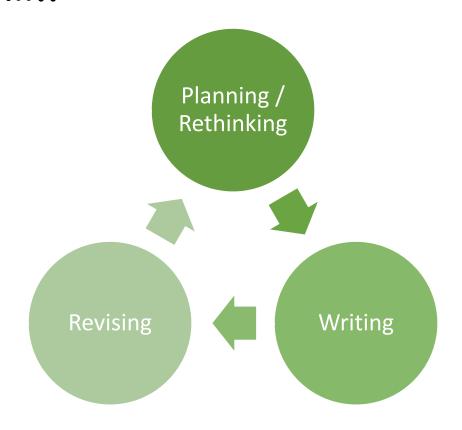
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- 2. We found everything (Accept Except) the right document.
- 3. The cost will (Effect Affect) the final contract.
- 4. We know that the (Effect Affect) of the noise will create problems.
- 5. The supervisor did his best to (Ensure Assure) the client that the damage was minimal.

- 6. The owners added a scaffold to (Ensure Assure) that workers were safe.
- 7. There were (Fewer Less) hours logged than the company expected.
- 8. The amount of gasoline was (Fewer Less) than we had budgeted for.
- 9. We knew that the keynote speaker (Preceded Proceeded) the speaker we wanted to hear.
- 10. After the city approved the plans, the company (Preceded Proceeded) with digging the foundation.

Answer guide

- 1- From types of technical writing are?
- Project documents
- Requirements specifications
- User manuals
- Websites
- · Online and embedded help
- FAQs
- Contracts

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