

# Week#1\_Writing Personal Essays

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## Homework 1 Prewriting for a Prompt Writing Topic

Prompt: ***A memorable summer adventure: My favorite outdoor activity.***

To discover additional ideas, you can refer to follows suggestions

- **Camping in the Wilderness:** Share your experience of a memorable camping trip in the great outdoors. Describe the location, the activities you engaged in (such as hiking, fishing, or roasting marshmallows), and the lasting memories you made during your adventure.
- **Trekking in the Mountains:** Share a story of a hiking or trekking expedition in the mountains. Describe the challenges faced during the journey, the breathtaking views, and the sense of accomplishment and connection with nature that you experienced.
- **Cycling Adventure:** Reflect on a summer spent exploring new places on your bicycle. Describe the routes you took, the scenic beauty you encountered, and the sense of freedom and adventure that came with cycling in the great outdoors.
- **Wildlife Safari:** Write about a summer adventure where you had the opportunity to observe and learn about wildlife in their natural habitats. Describe any encounters with unique or endangered species, the educational aspect of the experience, and the impact it had on your appreciation for nature.
- **Exploring National Parks:** Write about a summer adventure where you visited a national park. Describe the stunning landscapes, wildlife encounters, and any thrilling or awe-inspiring moments you experienced while exploring the park.

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Hiking at Banff

## Homework 2 Prewriting to Gather Details

### Answer the 5 W's and H.

Use the chart below to answer the 5 W's and H (*who? what? where? when? why? and how?*) about your topic.

### 5 W's and H Chart

Who?	My family and 6 other families were involved
What?	We were going camping in Banff
Where?	Sulphur Mountain
When?	A few days ago
Why?	It was for fun and for exercise.
How?	Even when you are tired or in bad condition, always continue and succeed in what you are doing.

### Homework 3 Place actions in time order.

List the things that happened in your experience, from start to finish. Write a time-order transition before each action to show how it fits in relation to the other actions. Use a timeline to organize them in time order.

1	During our second last day, we went hiking the first thing in the morning.
2	As soon as we arrived, we started hiking on Sulphur mountain.
3	Soon, we began to become more and more tired as we hiked along the path.
4	Next, Claire and I felt like crying because we were really tired.
5	Finally, we reached the top of the mountain in two hours and a half and my legs were burning in exhaustion! It was also the longest hike I've ever been through, too.

### Homework4 Gather Details About the Period

Complete the following gathering grid. In the first column, jot events. In the other three columns, write down as many types of details as you can about the event.

This topic allows you to reflect on your favorite outdoor activity or adventure during the summer. You can share a specific experience such as going to the beach, camping, hiking, visiting a national park, playing sports, or any other outdoor activity that holds

special meaning to You. You can describe the sights, sounds, and emotions you experienced, as well as any challenges you faced and how you overcame them. Include vivid details and sensory descriptions to bring your adventure to life.

### Gather Details Example

Main Events	Action and Dialogue	Sensory Details (see, hear, smell, taste, touch)	Memory Details (thoughts, feelings)
My brother and I were watching TV	"Anna, Patrick, we're going to have a family meeting. Go to the dining room."	My brother's eyes met mine.	We had never had one before. That gave me a very odd feeling.
We were approved at the embassy and granted visas, and we were leaving June 10.	I said goodbye to my best friend Nicole at our favorite bakery down the road from my house (or, should I say, my former house).	We ate cheese-filled ensaymadas and shared our favorite memories together through a mixture of laughter and tears.	
On June 10 my mom woke me up early.	She said, "We have to leave early, or the traffic might catch up on us."	We placed all our baggage on top of the van and headed for the airport. I was the last one in the car.	As we moved farther along, I could see my home fading away. And in that moment, I felt a part of me would still be there.
We arrived at the airport at eight o'clock in the morning.	"Flight 800 is now boarding. Flight 800 is now boarding,"	We gave the tickets to the woman at the counter. A flight attendant showed us to our seats.	My body might be going to the U.S. in this journey in my life, but my heart would stay in the Philippines.

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Claire and I were swinging around in our hammock.	"What are we going to do this afternoon?" I asked.	I was touching the soft fabric in our hammock.	I really wanted to stay in our campsite so that we could play for hours and not have a single care.
Some adults told us we were going hiking.	"We are going hiking this afternoon on Sulphur Mountain, Mountain." my dad replied.	I could see cars already leaving to go.	I hoped it would be a very short hike so Claire and I could play some more in our campsite.
When we arrived, we immediately set off.	"Why is it already so steep?!!" I exclaimed.	I could smell the scent of pine trees as we entered the mountain.	I was feeling really excited for the hike.
After a while, I was really tired, and my legs felt like they were about to explode.	"Can we take a break again?" Claire begged.	I could see other hikers that were way older than us!	This is so tiring. I think it is the longest hike I have ever been on.
We were almost at the top.	"Let's take a break every single time we turn right or left, since you're so tired, ok, Claire?" I said.	I could hear the loud screeching sounds from the gondola that was going up the mountain.	I hoped it was a sign that we were going closer to the mountain.
We finally reached the top where it had this building with lots of fun activities for kids.	"It was totally worth it in the end with the breath-taking view, view." I said.	I could hear the chatter of crowds as they talked and chatted with one another.	I was happy and very tired. But, I know that I still did it even though it was extremely hard. Now I know to always continue and succeed in what I am doing. ▢

