

Introduction to Process Writing

■ What is a Process?

Every day we perform many activities that are **processes**, that is, series of steps carried out in a definite order.

■ What is a Process Essay?

A process essay explains clearly how to do or make something, with a purpose of giving readers **instructions** or **information**.

e.g. 1. How to make a durian pie. (directional)

2. How a durian pie is digested. (informative)

Introduction to Process Writing

■ How to write a Process Essay?

01

Prewriting

- **Create a single clear sentence as your thesis statement:** *say it is important that your readers know about this process*
- **Make a list of steps**

02

Number items in order

- **Number your items in a time order** (*while deleting, adding and rearranging items*)
- **Decide how the items can be grouped into a minimum of three steps.**

03

First draft

- **Use the list as a guide to write your first draft**
- **Work towards **unity** and **coherence** - Use transitions such as *first, next, also, then, after, now, during and finally***

04

Revising

- **Describe the steps in a clear, logical way**
- **Make sure no essential information is missing**
- **Free of sentence-skills mistakes**

Class Work: Writing a Process Essay

■ ***Suggested answer: How to make your own video?***

Step 1: Source of inspiration

(online resources & personal experience)

Step 2: Script

(write a script; add remarks as instructions for filming and editing)

Step 3: Filming

(location choice, shooting angle, proper lighting)

Step 4: Editing

(arrange clips in a certain order; add captions; choose the right background music and sound effects)

Class Work: Writing a Process Essay

■ Now start writing: How to make your own video?

Introduction: *Say it is important that your readers know about this process*

V1

Creating a video is very challenging because through the video we can tell a story to your audience, communicate your messages to the audience, or we can promote our business or product through a video. If u want to create a successful video, here are the steps to follow.

V2

You must have seen a number of videos that receive thousands of views. Have you ever been curious about why and how? Have you ever wanted to create your own videos and earn more views? Here are a few steps you might want to know.

Class Work: Writing a Process Essay

■Now start writing: How to make your own video?

Body: *Use your list as topic sentences and develop them with more details*

Step 1: Source of inspiration
(online resources & personal experience)

Your source of inspiration for videos can be online resources. When you have no idea where to start, go watch related videos and get inspired. There could be some amazing ideas that you could draw upon. Online resources also provide you with some of the most trending, up-to-date information that you may use in your videos. Another way to get inspired is your personal experience. Know what you are good at and make the most of it. Your specific knowledge is what makes you stand out.

Class Work: Writing a Process Essay

■ **Now start writing: How to make your own video?**

Body: *Use your list as topic sentences and develop them with more details*

Step 2: Script

(add remarks as instructions for filming and editing)

Before you move on to film, write a script about what you are going to say and how you would like to edit your video. A script guarantees nothing important is missing and helps you go on from one clip to another more effectively. You may revise the script while filming, but make sure to add remarks for editing. For instance, you would like a piece of background music played during a certain clip, or you are going to add an animation effect at some point, etc. Note down anything that pops into your head so that the best ideas are saved.

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Step 3: Filming

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Class Work: Writing a Process Essay

■ **Now start writing: How to make your own video?**

Concluding: *Wind up your essay by re-stating your point*

V1

By following the guide, you are sure to make the very first and successful step in making your own video. Practice makes perfect. A better video cannot be created unless you tried a few more times.

V2

In conclusion, to create your first video, try to get inspired through any resources at hand, work out a script, practice more about how to film, and edit your video as much as you like. Now you have become a video creator yourself!

How to make your own video?

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Assignment: Process Writing

Choose **one** of the following topics for process writing

1. How to become a social media influencer
2. How to do household cleaning efficiently
3. How to gain or lose weight
4. How to cook a favorite dish
5. How to do well on a job interview
6. How to do exercise successfully
7. How to live with your parents
8. How to make someone like you
9. How to improve your reading skills
10. How to fall out of love
11. How to quit smoking or break another bad habit

***You may use your sense of humor for some of these topics**