



# English Composition

1

factory

2

I worked in a factory.

3

Little by little, work and success came to me. My first job wasn't good. I worked in a small factory. Now, I help manage two factories.

4

*From Los Angeles from Mexico in 2006. I had no job, no friends, and no family here. I was homesick and scared, but I did not go home. I took English classes (always at night) and I studied hard. I believed in my future success! According to the U.S. Census, more than 400,000 new immigrants come to the U.S. every year.<sup>7</sup> Most of us need to find work. During my first year here, my routine was the same: get up; look for work; go to class; go to bed. I had to take jobs with long hours and low pay. Often I had two or three jobs. Little by little, work and success came to me. My first job was in a small factory. Now I help manage two factories. Hard work makes success possible, and "men were born to succeed, not to fail" (Thoreau, 1853). My story demonstrates the truth of that statement!*

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1. word

2. sentence

3. paragraph

4. essay

## Parts of an Essay

5. title

6. introduction

7. evidence

8. body

9. conclusion

10. quotation

11. citation

12. footnote

13. source

**Success in the U.S.**

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<sup>12</sup> U.S. Census, 2015

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14. period

15. question mark

16. exclamation mark / exclamation point

17. comma

18. quotation marks

19. apostrophe

20. colon

21. semicolon

22. parentheses

23. hyphen

## Writing Rules

A

Carlos  
Mexico  
Los Angeles

B

Hard work makes success possible.

C

I was homesick and scared, but I did not go home.

D

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A. Capitalize names.

B. Capitalize the first letter in a sentence.

C. Use punctuation.

D. Indent the first sentence in a paragraph.

## Ways to ask for suggestions on your compositions

What do you think of this title?Is this paragraph OK? Is the punctuation correct?Do you have any suggestions for the conclusion?

## Pair practice. Make new conversations.

A: What do you think of this title?B: I think you need to revise it.A: Thanks. How would you revise it?



## The Writing Process

**PREWRITING**

**E** Writing assignment - Due 10/3  
Write an essay about your first year in the U.S.

**F**

**G**

**E. Think about the assignment.**

**F. Brainstorm ideas.**

**G. Organize your ideas.**

**WRITING AND REVISING**

**H**

**I**

**J**

**H. Write a first draft.**

**I. Edit. / Proofread.**

**J. Revise. / Rewrite.**

**SHARING AND RESPONDING**

**K**

**L**

**M**

**K. Get feedback.**

**L. Write a final draft.**

**M. Turn in / Hand in your paper.**

### Survey your class. Record the responses.

1. Do you prefer to write essays or read them?
2. Which is more difficult: writing a first draft or revising?

Report: Five people I surveyed said \_\_\_\_\_.

### Think about it. Discuss.

1. What are interesting topics for essays?
2. Do you like to read quotations? Why or why not?
3. In which jobs are writing skills important?