



# English Composition

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factory

1. word

2

I worked in a factory.

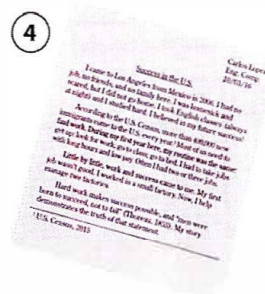
2. sentence

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.

3. paragraph

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4. essay

## Parts of an Essay

5. title

6. introduction

7. evidence

8. body

9. conclusion

10. quotation

11. citation

12. footnote

13. source

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**Success in the U.S.**

I came to 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>1</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 wasn't good. I worked 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.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census, 2015

## Punctuation

- . 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

A. Capitalize names.

B

Hard work makes success possible.

B. Capitalize the first letter in a sentence.

C

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

C. Use punctuation.

D

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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.

my life... hmm...  
what can I say...  
I have one week...

**F**

factory  
work  
2 jobs  
1st year  
2006  
ESL  
no family  
lonely  
friends

**G**

I. Mexico to Los Angeles  
A. No family  
1. Homesick  
2. Scared  
B. No job  
II. Daily routine  
A. Job search  
B. ESL class  
1. Friends  
III. Success

**E. Think about the assignment.**      **F. Brainstorm ideas.**      **G. Organize your ideas.**

**WRITING AND REVISING**

**H**

I came to Los Angeles from Mexico in 2006...

**I**

come  
I came to 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). I studied hard. I believed in my future.

**J**

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**H. Write a first draft.**      **I. Edit. / Proofread.**      **J. Revise. / Rewrite.**

**SHARING AND RESPONDING**

**K**

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I like the part about your daily routine.

**L**

**M**

OCTOBER 3

**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?