

## Handout 1

### Exercise 1

*Read the cause-and-effect paragraph and answer the questions below. It will help you notice the key features of the paragraph.<sup>1</sup>*

#### The Positive Side of Online Sharing

The Internet has been good for society in a number of important ways. Due to online sharing, people can communicate in an emergency, share information about events, and collaborate with others to help make the world better. The first positive effect of online sharing is that people can communicate during and after a disaster. For example, in 2014, an enormous landslide covered many houses in the small town of Oso, Washington. Because of social media sites, organizations were able to get volunteers to help rescue the survivors. The second positive impact is that citizen journalists can share photos and texts about events that are happening in the world. For instance, during recent protests, citizen journalists tweeted photos of the protesters and police. As a result, even the TV news programs and newspapers used the information. The final primary effect of the Internet is that people can become involved in organizations that are trying to make the world better. A good case in point is PencilsforPromise.org that built over 150 schools around the world through online donations. All things considered, online sharing is a valuable tool for helping to alleviate disasters, share the information, and change the world for the better.

1. Find the paragraph head. What is the topic of the paragraph? What is the controlling idea of the paragraph? Does the writer focus on causes or effects?
2. In the paragraph head, find the points the writer is going to discuss. Then find those points in the supporting sentences. Do these points follow in the same order?
3. What transitions does the writer use to introduce each supporting point?
4. What transitions does the writer use to prove each supporting point with details?
5. What transitions does the writer use to show effects?
6. What transitions does the writer use to conclude the paragraph?
7. What other example of a positive effect of online sharing can you think of?

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: Bauer, J., Boyle M.S., Stapleton, S. (2016). Final Draft 3. Student's book. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

## Exercise 2

*Read the cause-and-effect paragraph again.*

*Fill the blanks in the outline for "The Positive Side of Online Sharing".*

*Use the phrases in the box.*

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| <b>2014 landslide</b>                                |
| <b>Help organizations that make the world better</b> |
| <b>Communicate in case of emergency</b>              |
| <b>Recent protests</b>                               |

| PARAGRAPH OUTLINE          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Paragraph head</b>      | The Internet has been good for society in a number of important ways. Through online sharing, people can communicate in an emergency, share information about events, and collaborate with others to help make the world better. |
| <b>Effect 1</b>            | .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Detail                     | .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Effect 2</b>            | Share the information                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Detail                     | .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Effect 3</b>            | .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Detail                     | PencilsofPromise.org built over 150 schools                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Concluding sentence</b> | To conclude, online sharing is a valuable tool for helping to alleviate disasters, share the information, and change the world for the better.                                                                                   |