

English 108 Writing Project

Week 9

Second draft - Introduction & conclusion
added.

Feedback for 1st draft (body)

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Some common problems

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People might think they do not need money too be happy, but doing the things that make you happy almost always costs money. If you do not have money, you cannot do the things that you want to do, whereas if you have enough money, you can do almost anything.

VAGUE

Examples!?

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...for example, indulging in my favorite hobbies makes me happy, but I could not do them without money. Another example is food. Most people would agree that going to a nice restaurant and enjoying delicious food makes them happy, but fine food is undoubtedly expensive. In addition, money allows us to travel, see the world and gain happiness from once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Too many ideas

Not focused

Choose ONE idea

TOPIC SENTENCE

- Start the body paragraph with a **TOPIC SENTENCE**. It should tell the reader the **main idea of the paragraph**.

NOT the main idea of the *essay*. That goes in the introduction.

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OTHER ISSUES

- Too many paragraphs
- Not double spaced
- Use of machine translation / AI

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- Hook
- Thesis statement

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- States your position.
- Tells the reader what to expect from the essay.

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- Introduces the topic
- Captures the reader's interest.

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Conclusion

- Summary – say what the essay discussed.
- Re-state the thesis statement / reaffirm your opinion

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Schedule

- Deadline for second draft – This Friday (Nov 24) 23:55

Next...

- Begin writing the Intro and conclusion of your essay.
- You can leave the Zoom.
- I will stay.
- Remember the deadline: Friday November 24 @ 23:55.
- See you on Zoom again next week.