

Paragraphs - development

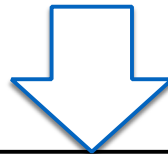
Topic sentence (T)

State main idea of paragraph.



Explanation / expansion (E)

Explain the topic in more more detail



Support / sources (SS)

Give evidence from sources to support the main idea

1. Basic example

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1. How could we expand this?

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2. Functions of TESS

[1] The Olympic Games have often been used for political purposes.

[2] Since they were founded in 1896 as a world wide event, the Games have not always been purely about sport.

[3] Countries and individual athletes have used them as a stage to present a political message.

[4] During the Cold War, America and Russia viewed sport a way to advertise their way of life and political system.

[5] Both countries have boycotted the games at times in order to protest against the political actions of their opponent.

[6] Hosting the games is also seen as a sign of political legitimacy for some countries- Japan in 1964 and China in 2008 are examples of this (McFarland 2005).

[7] A further example of the politicization of the games is black American athletes who used the Mexico games in 1970 to promote Black Power as part of the American Civil Rights movement (ibid).

3. Controlled paragraph building by adding grammar

Urban transport models / begin / shift / from /car
dominated view / to one /include/ wide variety / other
means / transportation

Urban transport models have begun to shift from
a car dominated view to one which includes a
wide variety of other means of transportation.

Topic sentence

/ spread / automobile from /50s / make possible /cheap cars / petrol / rising income /expanding road system (Hill 1995).

Hint: use passive voice

The spread of the automobile from the 1950s onwards was (1. make)_____ possible by cheap cars and petrol, rising incomes and expanding road systems (Hill 1995).

Explanation – historical background

/ rise of /car /lead to/ /problems /traffic congestion /air pollution / many large cities worldwide.

The rise of the car, however, (2. lead to) _____ to serious problems of traffic congestion and air pollution in many large cities worldwide.

Explanation – historical background / consequences

Transport planners / turn/ alternative ways / move
people / large cities.

Transport planners (3. be) _____ therefore turning
to alternative ways to move people around large
cities.

Explanation / expansion – link back to TS

/ European cities / install / tram / light-railway system
(Jordan 2007)

Many European cities (4. install)_____ tram
and light-railway systems (Jordan 2007)

Support & source – evidence in form of example

Others / focus / increase /number / bus/ run /special bus lanes, /make them faster / cars / commute.

Others (5. focus) _____ on increasing the numbers of buses which run on special bus lanes, making them faster than cars for commuting.

Support & source – evidence in form of example

London / introduce/ 'congestion charge' / effectively
reduce / number / unwanted cars / city centre /
(Livingstone 2005).

London has introduced a 'congestion charge' which
has effectively reduced the number of unwanted cars
in the city centre area (Livingstone 2005).

Support & source – evidence in form of example

Pedestrian areas, / cars/ ban /, now /common / many European city centres.

Pedestrian areas, from which all cars (6. ban) _____, are now very common in many European city centres.

Support & source – evidence in form of example

Finally, bicycle travel / encourage/ mark / bicycle lanes
/ paths (Strydom 2003).

Finally, bicycle travel has been encouraged by marking
out bicycle lanes and paths (Strydom 2003).

Support & source – evidence in form of example

measures /great / improve / urban environment/ many cities.

These measures have greatly improved the urban environment of many cities.

Evaluation

4. Building short paragraphs from notes

[model answers on page 9]

T	Rice production will need to increase in the next twenty years to meet growing demand.
E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World population → 12 billion 2050 (UN) • Asia → staple food / rice.
SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feed population → different approaches • Wang (2006) more land / cultivate • Rashid (2004) improve seed varieties → increase yield • De Soto (2008) → better trade relations / Asian countries → better distribution of rice Asia

T E	<p>The value of some university degree courses has been questioned by recent research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities → expand number & types courses • But→ lead to good jobs?
SS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwin (2007) → university graduates / salaries below expectations → pay back large debts? • Truscott (2008) → students practical courses (cheaper) not expensive degree

4. Paragraph from notes

T: Rice production will need to increase in future years to meet growing demand.

E: It is projected that world population (**7. grow**) _____ to around 12 billion by the year 2050 (UN) A large part of this growth (**8. be**) _____ in Asia, where the staple food is rice.

SS: In order to feed the increased population a variety of approaches will have to be adopted. Wang (2006) (**9. suggest**) _____ bringing more land into cultivation while Rashid (2004) and others (**10. focus**) _____ on the importance of improving seed varieties in order to increase yields. Recently, De Soto (2008) (**11. argue**) _____ that improved trade relations between Asian countries could allow for great efficiency in the distribution of rice in the Asian region.

Homework

- Grammar activities
 - 10 (present tense) & 11 (past tenses)
- Task 4 – University education

4. Paragraph from notes

T: The value of some university degree courses has been questioned by recent research.

E: Universities **(12. expand)** _____ the numbers and types of courses available to students, but whether these **(13. be)** _____ likely to lead to good jobs is a question students should ask themselves.

SS: In a recent study by Goodwin (2007) it **(14. find)** _____ that many university graduates **(15. unable)** _____ to find jobs with salaries that matched their expectations or allowed them to pay back the large debts they had incurred while at university. Truscott (2008) **(16. advise)** _____ students to consider doing practical job oriented courses, which **(17. be)** _____ cheaper, rather than expensive general degree courses.

5. Practice

[model answers on page 9 & 10]

Modern transportation methods make it easier for diseases to spread.

Air transport in particular (increase) massively in the past 20 years and more and more people **(travel)** to exotic destinations where they could become infected with a disease.

The SARS outbreak is a good example of the rapid spread of disease. The source of one outbreak **(identify)** as a single passenger flying from Hong Kong to Japan (Armstrong 2006). Scientists **(link)** outbreaks of bird flu to the transportation of animals- e.g. from Nigerian factory farms to Europe (Boogerd 2006).

Reading has become a less popular activity among young people

Studies (show) that the amount of time teenagers spend reading for pleasure (drop) by between 5 and 7 hours a week compared to 20 years ago (Boardman 2004, Wiggins 2007). Reading (replace) by watching TV and using computers (O Grady 2006). Another contributory factor is that parents of teenagers read less themselves due to work pressures (Cavendish 2007) so teenagers lack a family model.

The implications of these findings include inferior literacy skills among teenagers, reduced ability to concentrate for long periods of time leading to boredom if external means of stimulation (computer, TV) are not available (Coughlin 2007).

Part 2:

Language Practice –
Time Phrases and Verb Tenses

Describing trends over time

- A number of TV series *have spread* rapidly around the world and currently have a global audience.
- Reading *has become* a less popular activity among young people over the last few decades.
- Rice production *will need to* increase in the next twenty years to meet growing demand.

Do you know these tenses?

- Present simple
- Present continuous
- Present perfect
- Past simple
- Future
- Past perfect
- Future perfect

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- Present simple – *I listen to the BBC everyday.*
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- Past simple
- Future
- Past perfect
- Future perfect

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- Future – *I **will** hopefully **complete** my studies next year.*
- Past perfect – *I did not have any money because I **had lost** my wallet.*
- Future perfect – *By the end of this course, **you will have** written three short assignments.*

Exercises 1- 4

- Answers on page 10

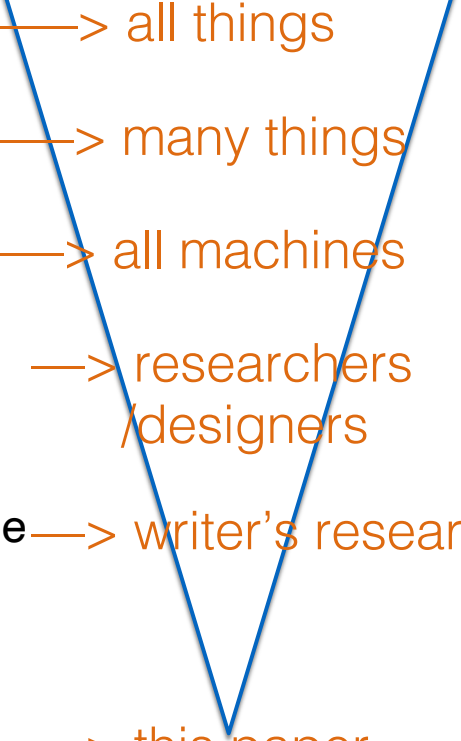
Time phrases and tense – ex.1

- a) During ~~these~~ **the past decade** there has been a steady increase in the number of people attending university.
- b) At ~~the~~ present business confidence for the coming year is lower than last year.
- c) The number of world conflicts has begun to increase again after a slight decrease in the early 1990s. ☒
- d) Over the past several years research into stem cell technology has made tremendous progress. ☒
- e) In the past **few** years immigration from China to Canada has been steadily increasing.
- f) A carbon trading system has been in operation ~~since~~ **for** several years ~~ago~~.
- g) The average height of the Japanese increased by 5cm over (**during**) the 20th century. ☒

Time phrases and tense – ex.2

- a) Over the past 2 decades the number of students getting A grades ~~in increasing~~ **has increased** by 20%.
- b) At present, urbanization ~~has expanded~~ **is expanding** rapidly creating some of the largest slums ever seen.
- c) Nowadays the global environment ~~has become~~ **is** the focus of a great debate.
- d) The percentage of world forest cover ~~is decreasing~~ **has decreased** by 30% over the past 2 decades.
- e) Recently banks ~~are losing~~ **have lost / have been losing** large amounts of money due to poor lending decisions- the so called 'credit- crunch'.
- f) Water pollution ~~is becoming~~ **has become** a serious problem over the past few years.
- g) In the USA urban drug crime has fallen significantly since the mid 1990s. ☒

General —> Specific

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1. Friction occurs almost everywhere. —> all things
 2. Many things, including human acts, depend on it. —> many things
 3. It is almost always present in machines. —> all machines
 4. Friction is usually not wanted, so a great deal has been done to reduce it by design or by control. —> researchers /designers
 5. In the present case, we want to synthesize it, so it can be presented under computer control to a subject using a haptic device. —> writer's research
 6. The model introduced in this paper is a possible contribution to the existing model-based compensation techniques in computer input devices. —> this paper

2. Relevant supporting sentences

- a. *Pollution is the release of harmful environmental contaminants, or the substances so released.*
- b. *Recycling is the collection and reuse of materials that would otherwise be considered waste to produce new products.*
- c. *Global warming describes an increase in the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans.*

1. Materials commonly recycled include glass, paper, aluminium, asphalt, and steel.
2. The majority scientific opinion on climate change is that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities.
3. Pollution can take two major forms: local pollution and global pollution.
4. Extinction can be a natural phenomenon; it is estimated that 99.9% of all species that have ever lived are now extinct.
5. Hydroelectricity is the only renewable today making a large contribution to world energy production.
6. In developing countries, massive deforestation is a leading cause of environmental degradation.
7. For example, in some cities, coal burning in homes produces smoke in sufficient concentrations to be a health hazard.
8. Motivations for recycling include environmental concerns, and occasionally cost, when production from recycled material is actually less expensive than from new material.
9. However a small minority of qualified scientists contest the view that humanity's actions have played a significant role in increasing recent temperatures.
10. Furthermore, nuclear testing has significantly raised the levels of background radiation, which may also lead to human health problems, all over the world.

Learning vocabulary

- some aspects to pay attention to -

lot of information a lot of ideas	economic policy theory growth	look up, look out, look into
friend, acquaintance, companion, buddy, mate	jump the queue	globalisation, globalise, globalised
multinational uncommon interaction	castle, knife, doubt	communism capitalism Buddhism
optimistic/pessimistic	/və'kæb.ju.lə.r.i/	clever/cunning slim/skinny