**Paragraph Examples**

The first important academic adjustment that international students must make is to learn to adapt to a different learning environment. One aspect of this is to become comfortable in a less formal learning context, in which first names may be used to address teachers and a less structured classroom culture may exist. An example of a different classroom culture may be the use of independent learning techniques whereby students must take responsibility for their own progress (Perez, 2002, p. 11). This links to active participation. Students are especially expected to ask questions if they have any difficulties. Unfortunately, according to Hindle (1986, cited in Harmer, 1991, p. 78) students from some Asian backgrounds ‘may be afraid to speak up in class for fear of losing face’ and so tend not to make as much progress as more active members of the class. They are also less likely to learn as readily from their mistakes as personal feedback may be slower in manifesting itself or not forthcoming at all. Clearly, these two adaptations are necessary to maximize a learner’s prospects of success.

**Task:** Create an outline of the paragraph above by using the frame below.

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