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CHAPTER 15

HOW TO WRITE A PROBLEM-SOLUTION ESSAY



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this chapter, students will be able to

describe a problem(s)
in detail

• 1

raise feasible or
practical solutions to
the current issue(s).

• 2

HOW TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL?

1. **Apply the 6-stage** process of this type
2. **Review** genre, audience, purpose, topic, focus and task
3. Make an **outline**
4. Start to write the essay
5. **Justify the appropriateness of vocabulary** to discuss the mentioned issue
6. Do **peer review**

THE WRITING PROCESS

STAGES

1

Understand Your Audience, Genre, and Purpose

2

Understand Your Topic, Focus, and Task

3

Gather Information and Ideas

4

Form an Outline

5

Write an Essay Sections

6

Review and Edit Your Work

Today's Issue

“Plastic pollution has become a major problem for the world’s oceans and rivers.”

Describe the problem, suggest solutions, and consider factors that may help or hinder your solutions.

1. How many aspects are students supposed to write about? What are they?
2. Who should be involved in dealing with the problem?
3. What might prevent the process of clearing the garbage?

Analyze genre, audience and purpose of the writing:

- What kind of writing is this?
- Who are your readers? What kinds of information do they expect to gain afterwards?
- Why is it written?

1. What is the general subject of the essay question?
2. What is the main focus?
3. What is the academic skill involved?

GATHERING INFORMATION

1. Do research and add your own ideas.

2. Write down your own ideas and the research.

3. Do (1) and (2) at the same time.

GATHERING INFORMATION: PRACTICE

1. Take 5 mins to write down any ideas you have already had about plastic pollution in oceans and rivers and how the issue might be dealt with.
2. Take outside input: watch a video about the current situation for reference or read relevant articles for more statistics and examples.
3. After watching or reading, there are 03 techniques applied for brainstorming ideas.

Free writing

Write as much as you can in any forms or styles. Try to generate as many ideas as possible.

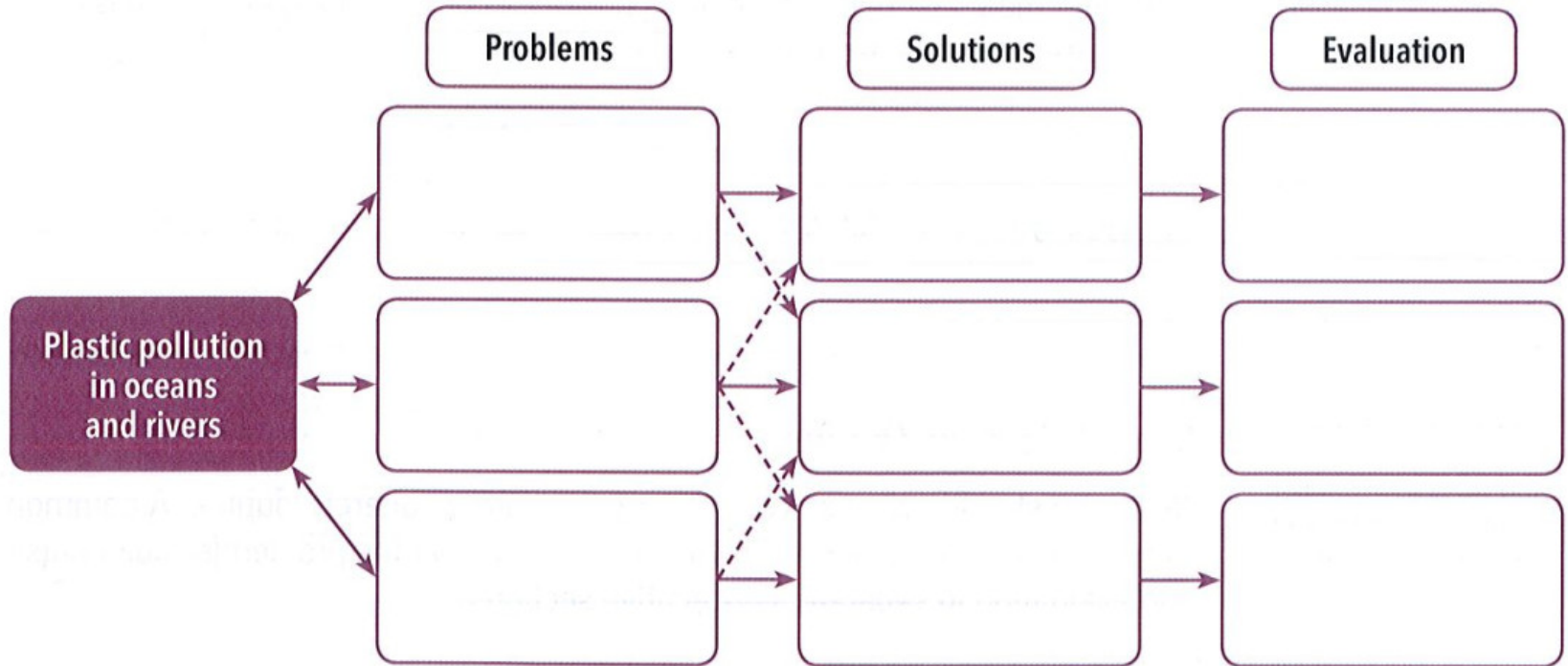
Concept map

Use bubbles, link the bubbles, use arrows to show relationships.

Linear notes

List categories and subcategories vertically and horizontally and take notes under them.

CONCEPT MAP



LINEAR NOTES

Problem of Plastic Pollution in Oceans and Rivers

- Types of plastic pollution: _____

- Causes: _____

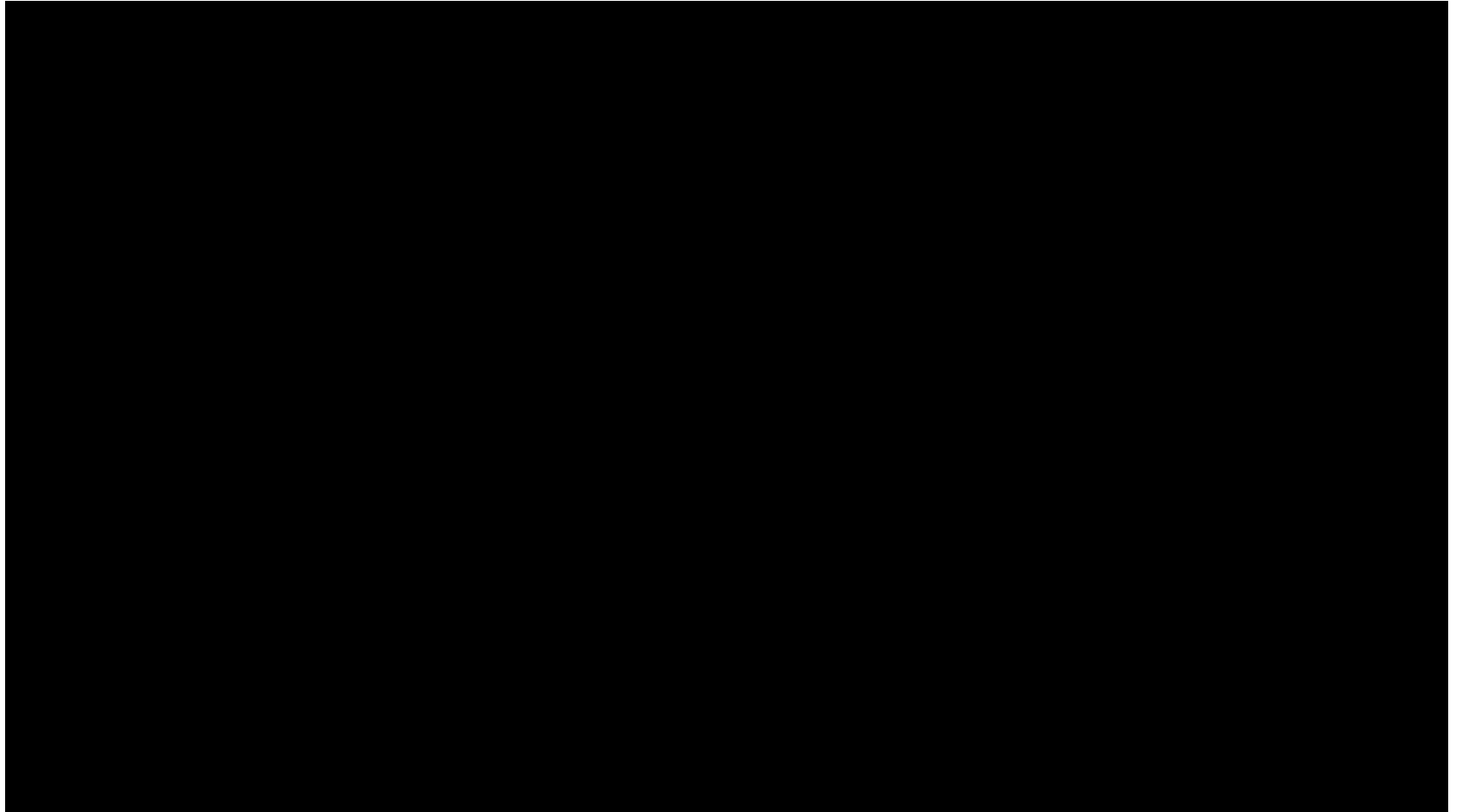
- How they damage oceans and rivers: _____

Solutions

- _____ : _____

- _____ : _____

ONLINE SOURCES



SPECIAL TERMS

WORLDWIDE CRISIS	REMOTE ISLAND	EASTER ISLAND	COASTLINE
MICRO PLASTIC	CLEAN UP	GARBAGE PATCH	DUMP
RECYCLING	LEGISLATION	SINGLE USE	URGENT ACTION IS TAKEN
TOXIC WASTE	ACTIVIST	ENDANGRED SPECIES	DUMP

OUTLINE MAKING

- Group work required
- 03 groups on three related aspects:
 - Problems
 - Solutions
 - Evaluation

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

DESCRIBING PROBLEMS

- There is (are) one (several) key problem to consider ...
- One of the main problems associated with ...
- (Mentioned issue) poses several threats for ...

SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS

- One solution to the problem of (mentioned issue) is
- Company A should address the problem by
- To solve the problem of, need to collaborate/work with

EVALUATING

- It is (un)likely that (plan A) could succeed if/unless
- One factor that may increase the chances of success is
- (mentioned issue) cannot be solved by ... (government) alone

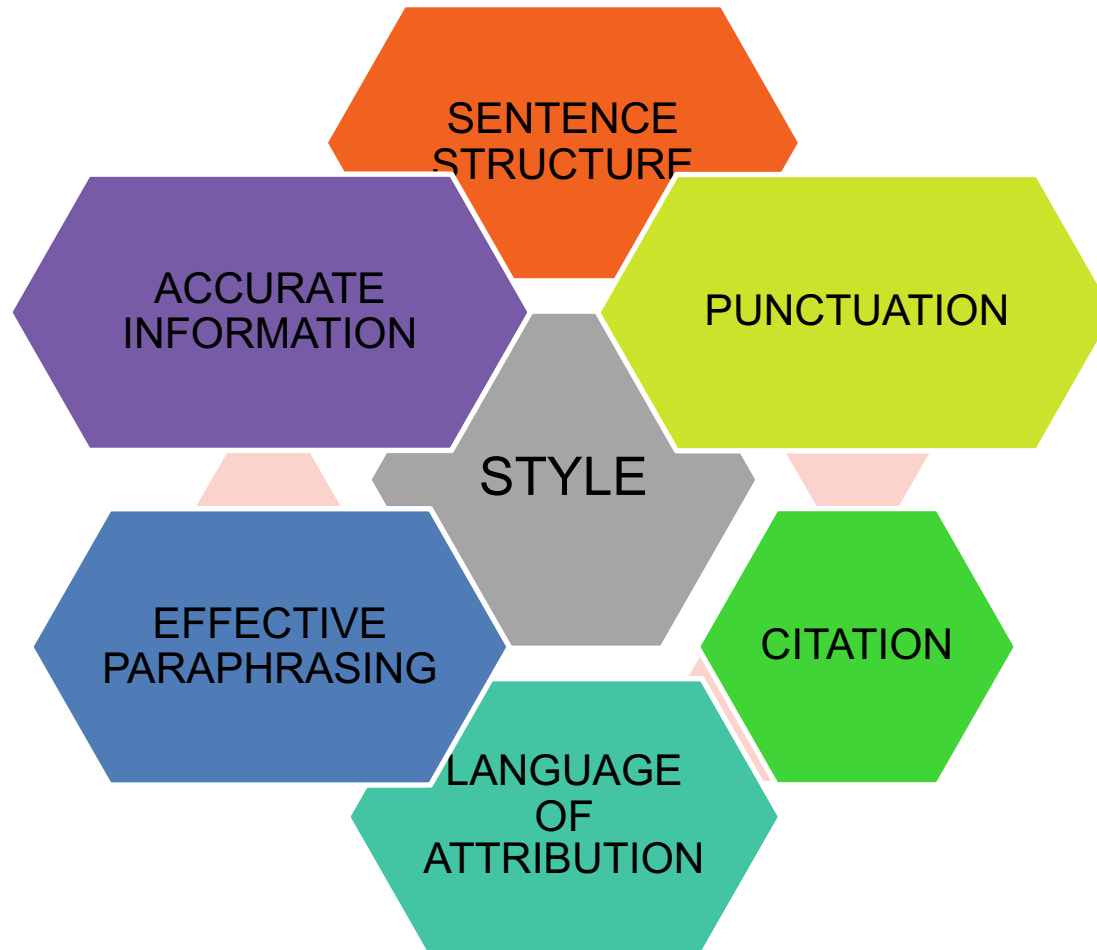
STAGE 5: WRITE THE ESSAY

Write a well-organized essay (700 words) on the issue below in 90 mins.

“Plastic pollution has become a major problem for the world’s oceans and rivers.”

Describe the problem, suggest solutions, and consider factors that may help or hinder your solutions.

STAGE 6: REVIEW AND EDIT YOUR WORK



Chapter 15,16: Problem-Solution and Cause-Effect Essay

HOMEWORK

1. Complete all tasks in chapter 15,16 that teachers covered in class
2. Exercises on My Elab/ My Bookshelf :
 - + Chapter 15: Vocabulary and Consolidation
 - + Chapter 16: Vocabulary and Consolidation

My elab- Document Review Sheets
3. More writing Task

3. WRITING TASK

Write a **500-word** comparative essay including **an introduction, body paragraphs, a conclusion, citations and references** on:

- + How can the human resource manager reduce the situation of lateness of employees in a company?
- + How can employees be more productive at work?