

Reflection papers

This semester in CE301A has been both challenging and improving. Looking back, I realize I've grown a lot, not only in my reading and writing skills, but also in the way I approach learning in general. I started the semester with some clear goals: I wanted to read more effectively, make fewer mistakes in exams, and manage my time better. Reflecting now, I can say that I've made progress, even though there are still areas I need to improve.

At the start, I struggled with some parts of the course. The reading passages in Skillful 4 Reading and Writing were harder than what I was used to. Many new words had similar meanings, which made matching exercises confusing. Grammar, especially the differences between past simple, past perfect, and present perfect, also gave me a hard time. I often felt frustrated when I made mistakes, but practicing regularly in class, completing exercises on online course, and testing myself online gradually helped me feel more confident. Over time, I learned to pay attention to context, which made understanding passages faster and less stressful. Seeing myself improve bit by bit was motivating and gave me confidence to keep going.

Writing was another area that pushed me. Some topics seemed simple at first, but when I started writing, I realized I didn't always have enough ideas to fully develop my paragraphs. Managing my time during assignments and exams was also tricky. I learned that brainstorming is really important, it helps me organize my thoughts, but I still need more practice turning ideas into well-structured writing under pressure. I think reading more widely, not just in English class, will help me get better at this.

Despite the challenges, there were many parts of CE301A that I enjoyed. I liked learning new vocabulary and seeing how small grammar points can change the meaning of a sentence. I also liked discovering strategies that make reading and writing easier, like focusing on context or breaking passages into smaller parts. These techniques have not only helped me in CE301A but will also be useful in other subjects.

In conclusion, CE301A has taught me a lot more than I expected. I've improved my reading, writing, and vocabulary, and I've learned how to study more efficiently. I still have things to work on, like building background knowledge for writing and improving time management, but I feel proud of what I've achieved this semester. Most importantly, I've learned to be patient with myself and to keep practicing even when something feels difficult. I'm looking forward to continuing this growth next semester and applying everything I've learned in the future.