

How do I get started?

What should be my first step?

Think about what interests you, what you are passionate about, what you want to study at university, elements within your favourite subject which you found fascinating..... - almost any area can become the starting point for your Extended Essay.

If there is a TV series you enjoy, this could be the foundation for an English EE. Football can lead to Economics EEs. Cycling might allow you to examine areas to do with Geography. An interest in fashion can become a Visual Arts EE. Anything that happened more than ten years ago can be a History EE. If you intend to become a doctor or an engineer, then you should probably do your EE in Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

Or, if there is no particular passion, interest or university need to inspire you, then decide in which of your six subjects it would be least painful to write an EE.

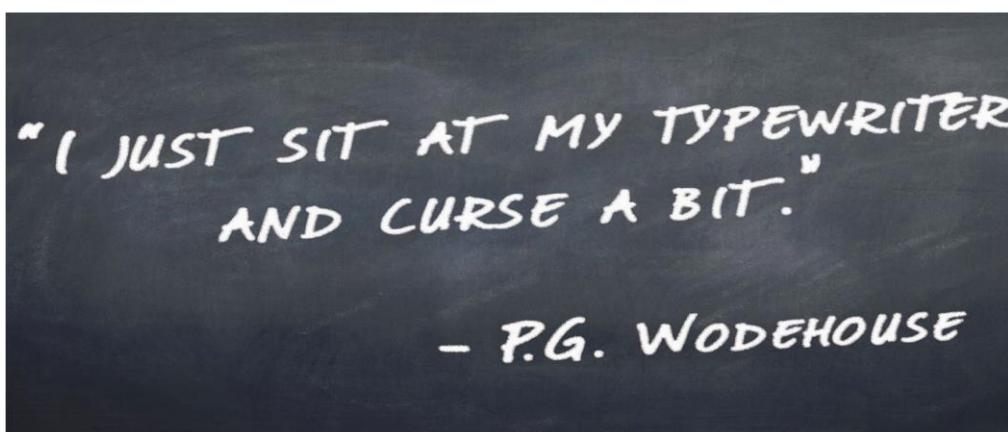
So, I have an idea - what happens next?

Consider under which Diploma Programme subject your passion/interest/fascination falls. This is important - your Extended Essay MUST fall within an available Diploma Programme subject. Before you move forward, choose the subject discipline! If you think your EE might fall between two subjects (Geography/Economics, Biology/Chemistry), then you may want to consider writing a World Studies Extended Essay.

You will be asked to complete a form indicating in which subject you can see yourself writing an EE. As a teacher can only supervise 5-6 EEs, not everyone will get their first choice of subject/supervisor - this is why we need to have a well-justified subject choice from you.

And then - once I am allocated a supervisor - what happens?

You make an appointment to see your supervisor. Also, read the section of this EE Guide which tells you how to prepare for your first meeting with your supervisor - and what questions you are likely to be asked. This is an important meeting, which has to be documented afterwards, and which counts towards the 6 marks for 'Engagement', so I suggest you read all the details and prepare carefully. Once you have had this meeting, you will be well on the way towards making a start to the research and writing process.



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