

The Study and Production of Texts

Lesson 7

Homework for today

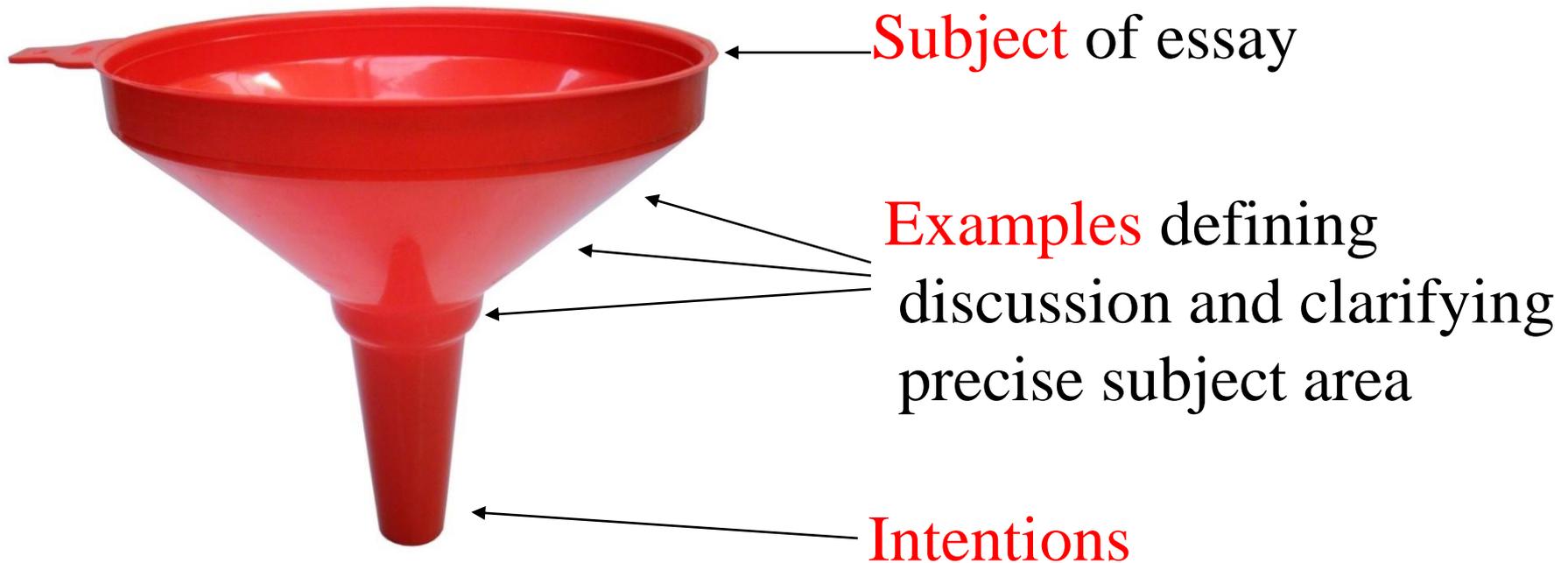
- Write the introduction to a pros and cons essay (max. 80 words) using the title on slide 17 and the vocabulary on slide 19.
- The introduction must have a topic sentence, information that indicates different points of view on the subject and a statement of purpose.
- Bring a printed copy with double spacing to lesson 7.
- p. 41 Read information on Language and Gender
- p. 44 exercises 4 and 5
- p. 52 Read text 2 and check vocabulary
- p. 53 Read Text 3 and check vocabulary.

Grammar Test Dates

Friday 7th June (morning)

- Enrolment opens on Moodle on Tuesday 7th May
- There will be a final date in September
- Go to the Grammar Test section on Moodle for information about preparation, links for grammar work and practice tests.

Introduction



Subsequent paragraphs

Topic sentence with
key words

Supporting points as
exemplification and
explanation



Governments should spend money on problems here first rather than on space exploration

1. Identify the key words

Governments should spend
money on problems here first
rather than on space exploration

2. Work on related vocabulary

- **governments**: nations, states, politicians
- **spend**: allocate, allot, provide, waste, invest, finance
- **money**: resources, budgets, taxes, investments
- **problems**: concerns, issues, famine, poverty, education
- **here**: in Europe, in Italy, on earth
- **space exploration**: space programme, planets, the European Space Agency, Nasa

Space exploration: possible introduction

There has been constant investment in space exploration since the Apollo 11 landing on the Moon in 1969. In fact, many countries have established space programmes and have allocated huge resources for research. The NASA mission to Mars is a case in point.

Nonetheless, many people argue that these projects waste money which could be spent improving sectors such as education and healthcare.

This essay will examine whether space exploration costs are justified or whether the money could be better invested to benefit everyone. (84 words)

Essay writing: procedure

- Read the title
 - Formulate ideas
 - Underline key vocabulary in the title
 - Brainstorm related vocabulary
 - Decide organisation of info
 - Write
 - Check and edit
- (pp. 25-7)

Persuasive essays

- **Persuasive essays** promote **one perspective** throughout in order to persuade the reader of the validity of the writer's point of view.
- **Each paragraph** in the body of the essay introduces and supports an argument that, in turn, **supports the essay title**.
- Persuasive essays **never support contrasting perspectives**.

Persuasive essays

*Students in the UK should take
the opportunity to study abroad*

Persuasive essays

Topic: advantages of studying abroad

Procedure: read title and work on key words
for vocabulary and ideas

Remember: audience is British

Lexical field

Consider topic

What vocabulary will reader expect?

Vocabulary linked to sphere of study /
costs will strengthen your text

Students in the UK should take the opportunity to study abroad

students in the UK: British students, UK students, school-leavers, young people who want to enrol at university

opportunity: chance, occasion, initiative, experience

abroad: European Union / specific countries

study: higher education / university

further education /enrol at university

Other vocabulary

fees tuition free tuition fees / costs
competitive fees scholarships

subjects degrees courses programmes
Undergraduate (adj.) postgraduate (adj.)

students undergraduates academics

abroad

overseas

international

UK US

EU

American

European

Europe

the Continent

the mainland

foreign

institution

university

teaching

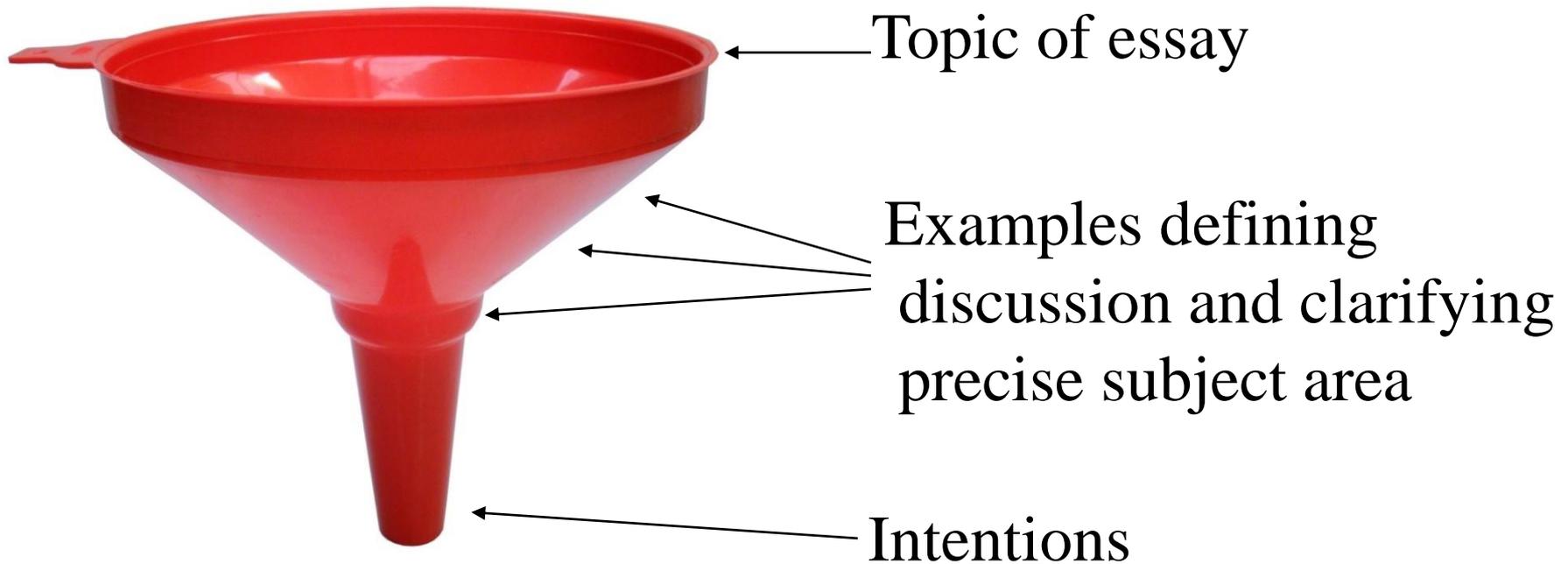
higher education

studying

university education

academic research

Introduction



Persuasive essays: the introduction

In pairs, write the introduction for a persuasive essay with the title below. (max. 80 words)

You have **THIRTY MINUTES**.

Students in the UK should take the opportunity to study abroad

Model answer for introduction

- A university education, and subsequent degree, is still widely considered to be advantageous when looking for employment.
- However, in recent years for many families in the UK the cost has become prohibitive.
- Consequently, an increasing number of young people are choosing to study in other European countries where, amongst other factors, fees are lower.
- This essay will discuss three reasons to encourage people to study abroad.

(66 words)

Homework for lesson 8

- Read text 1 p. 51. Check any vocabulary you do not know.
- Revise p. 25-27
- P. 27, ex. 3. Take 10 mins to brainstorm key words in the essay title for vocabulary. Then check your words in a dictionary.
- P. 45 ex. 6 Conditionals
- Revise for the Grammar Test with grammar and vocabulary consolidation (see Moodle -> Grammar Test section)