

# The Study and Production of Texts

## Lesson 8

# 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)

# Example introduction

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(66 words)

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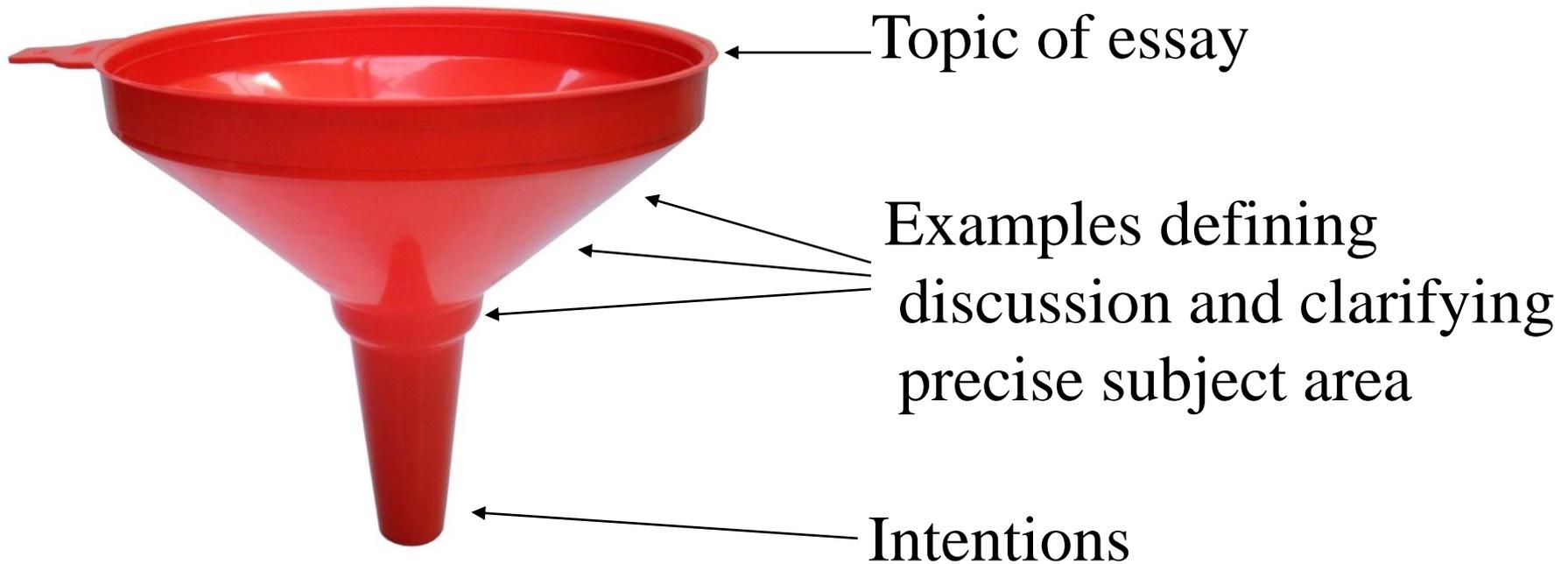
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# Persuasive essays

- **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**.

# Introduction



# The body of the essay

... where, amongst **other factors**, **fees** are lower.

Para 1: first argument = fees. Expand information and provide supporting evidence

Para 2: second argument and supporting evidence

Para 3: third argument and supporting evidence

# Body of essay:framework

Para. 1: topic sentence: ...

supporting points ...

Para. 2: topic sentence: ...

supporting points ...

Para. 3: topic sentence: ...

supporting points ...

# Brainstorming

Work with a partner and come up with other ideas for your essay.

Apart from fees, what other advantages are there in studying abroad for UK students?

You have 10 minutes to work on ideas and vocabulary.

# Points in favour of studying abroad

- Consult the list of ideas you brainstormed
- Choose the 3 strongest ideas from your list
- You will need support for each idea

# Paragraph 1

Work with a partner and write paragraph 1 of the essay on the subject of fees.

Max. 70 words.

**you have 20 minutes**

Para 1: topic = fees

support ...

Para 2: topic = language knowledge

support ...

Para 3: topic = course choices and future

employability

support ...

## Example paragraph on fees

The rise in fees is the main reason that many British school leavers are now considering studying abroad. In fact, in some parts of the UK a year's tuition alone costs £9,000. This compares very unfavourably to other European countries where the average annual tuition fees are under £1,700. Furthermore, in a number of EU states such as Denmark, universities are free. Consequently, interest in foreign degree courses is increasing. (70 words)

# Homework for lesson 9

- Write paragraph 2 on the topic of language knowledge. Inform the reader about undergraduate degree courses abroad which are taught in English. Provide examples to support your argument that this is advantageous for UK students.  
(80 words)

See next slide

# Homework for lesson 9

- pp. 55, 56: Read texts 5 and 6 on citizenship
- Do all the homework tasks on p. 56 for a discussion in class.
- See next slide



# Homework for lesson 9

The link for ex. 1 is not reliable.

Put the words below into the search facility and you will be redirected to the quiz on citizenship.

citizenship test new Guardian newspaper

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[The all-new British citizenship test – take the quiz - The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/uk/quiz/2013/jan/27/british-citizenship-test-quiz-new)

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