

Lesson 7: You Will Learn About the Writing Process

Purpose of Lesson 7: You will learn about the writing process.

Skills: Reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing.

Words to Learn:

draft - the first piece of writing of a paragraph/essay: *Olivia is ready to write her first draft.*

edit - to make corrections on the paragraph/essay for the final writing: *Nicholas will help edit Olivia's draft.*

essay - a formal piece of writing: *Ms. Shine's class is learning how to write an essay.*

formal writing - writing that is done for school or business purposes: *Formal writing has to follow the rules of good writing.*

informal writing - writing that is used for journals, notes, email and texting: *Informal writing follows the style of spoken conversation.*

prewrite - a plan to help the writer gather, develop and organize information for the first draft: *Ms. Shine has to teach how to prewrite before the class starts an essay.*

revise - changes and corrections made to improve your paragraph development and organization: *You might revise an essay several times before it meets your requirements.*

writing process - a plan to help the writer prepare a paragraph/essay: *Good writing habits develop when you learn and use the writing process.*

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Directions: Read the conversation between Ms. Shine and Dora and answer the questions that follow.

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Hello, Dora. Today we are going to learn about the writing process.

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I heard writing essays is very difficult. I am comfortable with journals and their informal way of writing, but essays might be a problem.



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It is not as difficult as you think. Remember how you liked writing for your family reunion? Writing essays can be enjoyable, too.

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I hope so. What is the writing process?



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The writing process has four steps. Knowing these steps and using them makes writing much easier.

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What are they?



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They are:
Step 1 – **prewriting**,
Step 2 – write a **draft**,
Step 3 – **revise** draft,
Step 4 – **edit** and
Write the final draft.

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Writing seems easier when we have steps to follow. It's like following a recipe. You can cook well if you follow all the steps. Unfortunately, I'm still nervous.



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Don't worry, we'll take it one step at a time. We'll begin with prewriting. It helps you *start* your essay and organize it.

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One step at a time sounds good to me!



Continued after Lesson 7 Quiz 1



In the next four lessons, you will learn how to prewrite and then do some practice exercises. Your formal writing lessons have begun!