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ESLW 40 Expanding a Paragraph into an Essay

Outline of a Student Paragraph

<i>Topic sentence</i>	There are a lot of steps to learning a foreign language.
<i>Support #1</i>	A. like the people
<i>Support #2</i>	B. find a tutor or teacher
<i>Support #3</i>	C. work hard
<i>Conclusion</i>	In conclusion, I think learning a foreign language is very useful and lots of fun.

A Student Paragraph

	Learning a Foreign Language
<i>topic sentence TS</i>	TS SS #1
<i>support sentence #1</i> SS #1	There are a lot of steps to learning a foreign language. First, you
<i>support sentence #2</i> SS #2	SS#2
	have to like the people who speak that language. Second, you have to
<i>support sentence #3</i> SS #3	SS #3
	find a tutor or a teacher to help you with the language. Finally, after
	finding a person to teach you that language, you must work hard to
<i>conclusion sentence</i> CS	CS
	understand what he or she is teaching you. In conclusion, I think
	learning a foreign language is very useful and lots of fun.

Outline of a Student Essay

<p><i>Thesis</i></p>	<p>There are a lot of steps to learning a foreign language.</p>
<p><i>Topic Sentence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Support #1</i>• <i>Support #2</i>• <i>Support #3</i>	<p>A. First, you have to like the people who speak that language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• know culture and people• like French music• want to understand French songs
<p><i>Topic Sentence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Support #1</i>• <i>Support #2</i>• <i>Support #3</i>	<p>B. Second, you need to find a tutor or teacher to help you with the language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• call schools• ask advisor• friends
<p><i>Topic Sentence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Support #1</i>• <i>Support #2</i>• <i>Support #3</i>	<p>C. Finally, after finding a person to teach you that language, you must work hard to understand what he or she is teaching you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask questions• talk• write
<p><i>Conclusion</i></p>	<p>In conclusion, I think learning a foreign language is very useful and lots of fun.</p>

A Student Essay

Learning a Foreign Language	
<i>Introduction</i> →	Learning a foreign language can be fun and interesting. You can hear and understand what people from other countries are saying. It feels good to know what others are talking about. It is not easy to learn a
<i>Thesis</i> →	different language. <u>There are a lot of steps to learning a foreign language.</u>
<i>Topic Sentence</i> <i>Body Paragraph 1</i> →	<u>First, you have to like the people who speak that language.</u> You have to know the culture and the people. It makes learning easier. For example, I really like French music, and I want to understand the words of the songs. Having a reason to learn makes it easier to learn the language.
<i>Topic Sentence</i> <i>Body Paragraph 2</i> →	<u>Second, you need to find a tutor or teacher to help you with the language.</u> You can do that by calling some schools or asking your advisor. Having friends who speak that language can be very nice, too. They can help you to learn that language out of class. For example, I can go to a French movie with a French friend and then talk about it.
<i>Topic Sentence</i> <i>Body Paragraph 3</i> →	<u>Finally, after finding a person to teach you that language, you must work hard to understand what he or she is teaching you.</u> Ask questions if you have any problems. When you are comfortable talking and writing that language, I think you have accomplished your goal.
<i>Conclusion</i> →	In conclusion, I think learning a foreign language is very useful and a lot of fun. It helps you a lot in finding a job. It makes you feel smart to know what others might not know. Learning a language can be fascinating and exciting. You can do lots of things with that new language!

Practice

Directions: Compare the student paragraph and its outline with the essay and its outline.

1. What does the topic sentence in the paragraph become in the essay? _____

2. Where do we usually find the thesis statement in an essay? _____

3. What does support sentence #1 in the paragraph become in the essay?

4. What does support sentence #2 in the paragraph become in the essay?

5. What does support sentence #3 in the paragraph become in the essay?

6. What does the conclusion sentence in the paragraph become in the essay?

7. What is the difference between the paragraph outline and the essay outline?

8. Do you like the introduction paragraph of the essay? Why?

9. Do you like the conclusion paragraph of the essay? Why?
