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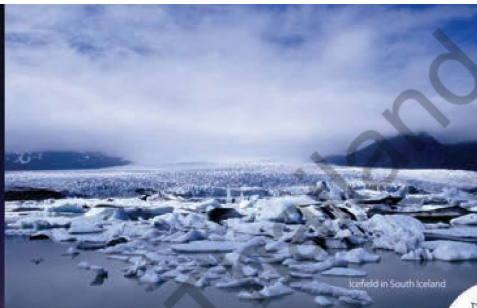
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The Land of Ice & Fire



Hello, Friends!
I'm Jens Olafsson. I'm 12 years old.
I live in Reykjavik, Iceland.
I live with Mom, Dad and Kari, my younger sister.
I will share my writings with you.
I hope you enjoy writing your stories!



Developing a Paragraph into an Essay

My Cool Grandpa

Sample Paragraph

Topic Sentence

My grandpa is my favorite relative, and we share many things together. When he comes over, I like talking to him a lot. He likes to listen to the music I like, and he is interested in the books I read. It is really easy to talk to him about everything like my school, my friends and my hobbies. Sometimes he tells me stories about what he did when he was a kid. It is always fun to listen to his adventures. He also takes me to fun places on the weekends. I like going cross country skiing with him. He is the one who taught me how to ski. I love my grandfather very much, and I feel very lucky to be his grandson.

Body Sentences

Closing Sentence

My Cool Grandpa

Sample Essay

Beginning Paragraph

He is sixty five years old, but he looks like he is only fifty. He lives not far from my house, so I can see him quite often. Who am I talking about? My grandpa! He is my favorite relative, and he is the coolest person I know.

Middle Paragraph

My grandpa and I share many things together. When he comes over, I like talking to him a lot. He likes to listen to the music I like, and he is interested in the books I read. It is really easy to talk to him about everything like my school, my friends and my hobbies. Sometimes he tells me stories about what he did when he was a kid. It is always fun to listen to his adventures. He also takes me to fun places on the weekends. I like going cross country skiing with him. He is really good because he was a national ski champion when he was young. He is the one who taught me how to ski.

Ending Paragraph

I love my grandfather very much. He is a special person in my life because he has taught me so much about everything. I feel very lucky to be his grandson.

Warming up is important in everything!



1. What is an Essay?

An essay is a piece of writing on a specific topic. It usually has three or more paragraphs. There are three parts to an essay: the beginning, the middle and the ending.

- The **beginning paragraph** introduces the topic of the essay. The topic sentence of a paragraph develops into the beginning paragraph of an essay.
- The **middle paragraphs** describe the main ideas of the topic. The body sentences of a paragraph develop into a middle paragraph with one main idea. The number of middle paragraphs depends on the number of main ideas you want to talk about in an essay.
- The **ending paragraph** adds one last thought to the topic. The closing sentence of a paragraph develops into the ending paragraph of an essay.

2. Thesis Sentence in the Beginning Paragraph

The beginning paragraph is to let the reader know the topic and get him interested in reading the essay. You start with a few interesting sentences to grab the reader's attention and write a thesis sentence which tells what the essay is all about.

Thesis Sentence of the Sample Essay

He is my favorite relative, and he is the coolest person I know.

Hmmm...



3. Main Idea, Supporting Ideas and Details in the Middle Paragraph

The middle paragraph starts with a topic sentence that tells the main idea of the paragraph. The following sentences show several ideas that support the main idea. Each supporting idea is further explained by details. Details can be facts, examples or explanations.

► Main Idea (Topic Sentence)

Main Idea	My grandpa and I share many things together.
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► Supporting Ideas and Details

Supporting Idea	Details
1. When he comes over, I like talking to him a lot.	1a He likes to listen to the music I like, and he is interested in the books I read. 1b It is really easy to talk to him about everything like my school, my friends and my hobbies.
2. Sometimes he tells me stories about what he did when he was a kid.	2 It is always fun to listen to his adventures.
3. He also takes me to fun places on the weekends.	3a I like going cross country skiing with him. 3b He is really good because he was a national ski champion when he was young. 3c He is the one who taught me how to ski.

4. Strong Sentences in the Ending Paragraph

The ending paragraph shares feelings or thoughts about the topic. There is no set format to follow. You need a few strong sentences to wrap up the essay.

I get it now.

In *My Next Writing 3*, we will practice writing a simple essay that has only one middle paragraph. Therefore, only one main idea about the topic will be discussed in an essay.

I'm ready to write my stories.
I hope you are too.

Part 1

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UNIT 1 My Country

1. Warm up

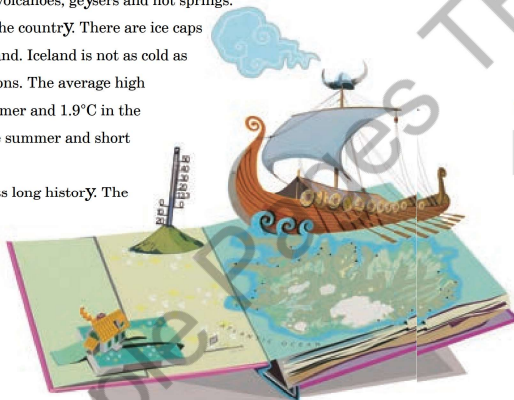
A. Talk about the picture and read the essay.

Iceland

My country, Iceland, is one of the most beautiful countries on Earth. It is an island country. It is located in Europe, in the North Atlantic Ocean. About 320,000 people live here. Most of us speak English, but our official language is Icelandic, the language of old Vikings.

My country has marvelous landscapes with a mild climate. Iceland is called the land of fire and ice. There are active volcanoes, geysers and hot springs. Hekla is one of the famous volcanoes in the country. There are ice caps and glaciers, and they cover 11% of the land. Iceland is not as cold as you might think. We have four mild seasons. The average high temperature is around 13.3°C in the summer and 1.9°C in the winter. We have long bright nights in the summer and short days in the winter.

I am very proud of my country and its long history. The Vikings, my ancestors, were the world's greatest travelers. Iceland-born explorer, Leifur Eiriksson, discovered America more than 500 years before Columbus.



B. Discuss the questions about the essay.

- What is Iceland like? Where is it?
- What is the population? What is the official language?
- What are the landscapes like?
- What is the climate like in Iceland?
- How does Jens feel about his country?

2. Practice Vocabulary

A. What is the country like? Match and write the sentence.

- | | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| 1. Singapore | ○ | a large country with the Amazon rainforest |
| 2. Madagascar | ○ | a beautiful country with Roman Empire heritage |
| 3. Brazil | ○ | one of the smallest countries on Earth |
| 4. Italy | ○ | a beautiful island country with a lot of wildlife |

- Singapore is one of the smallest countries on Earth.
- _____
- _____
- _____

B. Where is the country? Choose and complete the sentences.

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| the Atlantic Ocean | the Mediterranean Sea | South America |
| Southeast Asia | Indonesia | Southern Europe |



- Brazil is the largest country in _____.
There is _____ to the east.
- Italy is a boot-shaped country in _____.
There is _____ to the south.
- Singapore is an island nation in _____.
It is located between Malaysia and _____.

C. What do you see in the country? Choose and complete the sentence.

1 ~ 5	mountains	plains	rainforest	river	volcanoes
6 ~ 10	beaches	desert	islands	lakes	waterfalls

-  There are many high _____. People go skiing in the winter.
-  We have several active _____. You never know when they will erupt.
-  We have broad _____ in the south. We grow rice there.
-  We have a _____. It is home to many animals and plants.
-  We have the Nile. It is the longest _____ in the world.
-  We have Niagara Falls. They are very famous _____.
-  There is a large, dry _____. We hardly get any rain there.
-  We have long sandy _____. They get very crowded in the summer.
-  My country has many small _____, but few people live there.
-  We have huge _____. They are so big that they look like the sea.

D. What is the climate like? Circle the correct word.

- It is very cold in the winter. It rains / snows a lot in the mountains.
- We get a lot of rain in the summer. It's very hot and dry / humid.
- Our winter is mild / cold. It is nice and warm.
- There are many wet / sunny days in the summer, but it rains too.
- It is warm and hot all year round. The temperature varies / doesn't vary much.

3. Practice Writing Longer Sentences

A. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

• of my country's history • with many large cities • in the summer • of Norway

- The USA is a country _____.
- I am very proud _____.
- Oslo is the capital city _____.
- We get a lot of rain _____.

• in the North Atlantic Ocean • around my country • on the east coast • in the world

- Iceland is located _____.
- My country is one of the most beautiful countries _____.
- The famous beaches are located _____.
- There are wonderful places to visit _____.

B. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

• as cold as • as big as • as high as
• colder than • bigger than • higher than

- Mt. Fuji is not as high as Mt. Everest.
- Mt. Everest is _____ Mt. Fuji.
- The winter in Iceland is not _____ the winter in Finland.
- The winter in Finland is _____ the winter in Iceland.
- Moscow is not _____ New York City.
- New York City is _____ Moscow.

4. Practice Writing Details

A. Read the model essay on page 14 again. Match the idea with the details and write the letters.

Details	
a. There are ice caps and glaciers, and they cover 11% of the land.	
b. The average high temperature is around 13.3°C in the summer and 1.9°C in the winter.	
c. There are active volcanoes, geysers and hot springs.	
d. We have long bright nights in the summer and short days in the winter.	
e. We have four mild seasons.	
f. Hekla is one of the famous volcanoes in the country.	

Idea	Details
1. Iceland is called the land of fire and ice.	
2. Iceland is not as cold as you might think.	

B. Choose and write the details of the idea. Make your own sentences for question 4.

• It is called Uluru.	• It is in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
• There are rainforests in the north.	• It is the largest rock in the world.
• It is a continent, a country and an island.	• More than one-third of Australia is desert.

Idea	Details
1. Australia is a country in the southern hemisphere.	1a 1b
2. Australia has interesting landscapes.	2a 2b
3. There is a famous rock in the center of Australia.	3a 3b
4. There are many interesting animals in Australia.	4a 4b

5. Write Your Beginning Paragraph

The beginning paragraph introduces the topic of the essay.

A. Discuss your topic with a partner.

- What is your country like? Where is it?
- What is the population? What is the official language?
- What are the landscapes like?
- What is the climate like in your country?

B. Read the beginning paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of the Model Essay
• What is your country like? Where is it?	<u>My country, Iceland, is one of the most beautiful countries on Earth.</u>
• What is the population? What is the official language?	

C. Make a plan for the beginning paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of Your Essay
• What is your country like? Where is it?	
• What is the population? What is the official language?	

6. Write Your Middle Paragraph

The **middle paragraph** describes the main idea of the topic.

A. Read the middle paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of the Model Essay
Write the topic sentence.	<i>My country has marvelous landscapes with a mild climate.</i>
What are the landscapes like? Explain.	<i>Iceland is called the land of fire and ice.</i>
What is the climate like? How many seasons are there? Explain.	<i>Iceland is not as cold as you might think.</i>

B. Make a plan for the middle paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of Your Essay
Write the topic sentence.	<i>My country _____</i>
What are the landscapes like? Explain.	
What is the climate like? How many seasons are there? Explain.	

7. Write Your Ending Paragraph

The **ending paragraph** adds one last thought to the topic.

A. Read the ending paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of the Model Essay
How do you feel about your country and its history? Explain.	<i>I am very proud of my country and its long history.</i>

B. Make a plan for the ending paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of Your Essay
How do you feel about your country and its history? Explain.	

8. Complete Your Essay

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Step 1 Title	Write the title of your essay.
Step 2 Beginning Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 5C and write it.
Step 3 Middle Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 6B and write it.
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Step 5 Revise and Edit	Read your essay and make necessary changes.

UNIT 2

My Favorite Website

1. Warm up

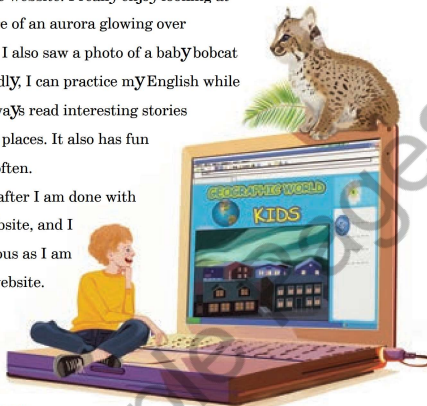
A. Talk about the picture and read the essay.

National Geographic Kids

National Geographic Kids is my favorite website on the Internet. It is a wonderful website for children. It provides information on different animals, people and places.

I like *National Geographic Kids* for two reasons. First of all, there are a lot of interesting photos on the website. I really enjoy looking at them. Just yesterday, I saw a picture of an aurora glowing over Reykjavik, Iceland. It was amazing. I also saw a photo of a baby bobcat the other day. It was so cute. Secondly, I can practice my English while having fun on the website. I can always read interesting stories about different animals, people and places. It also has fun games in English, and I play them often.

I get on this website every day after I am done with my homework. It is a wonderful website, and I like it very much. If you are as curious as I am about the world, you will like this website. Log on and have a look today.

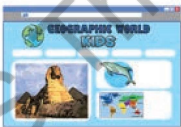






B. Discuss the questions about the essay.

1. What is Jens' favorite website on the Internet?
2. What is the website like?
3. Why does Jens like the website?
4. Does Jens recommend it to his friends?

2. Practice Vocabulary

A. What is your favorite website? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

	information	network	places	comics	answers	pets
1.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides information on different animals, people and _____.</p>	2.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides virtual _____ and fun games.</p>			
3.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides _____ to all my science questions.</p>	4.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides a lot of useful _____ about my school.</p>			
5.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides a children's _____ to chat with friends.</p>	6.	 <p>This is my favorite website. It provides a lot of interesting _____ to read.</p>			

B. Why do you like the website? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

games photos homepage create help science project lunch menu virtual pet chat



- There are many interesting _____ of different animals.
- There is my class _____ on my school website.
- There are many fun _____ to play.



- I can take care of a _____ on the website.
- I can get ideas for my _____.
- I can find out the _____ at my school.



- I can get _____ on my science homework.
- I can _____ with my friends after school.
- I can _____ my own homepage on the website.

3. Practice Writing Longer Sentences

A. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

• on the website • for children • for many reasons • of interesting animals

- I like *National Geographic Kids* _____.
- It is a wonderful website _____.
- There are many photos _____.
- I can get a lot of information _____.

• as much as I am • as curious as I am • as much as I do • as many questions as I do

- If you are _____ about the world, you will like this website.
- If you like playing games _____, you will like this website.
- If you have _____ about science, you will like this website.
- If you are interested in comics _____, you will like this website.

B. Choose and complete the sentence using **after**. Discuss your choices.

• you become a member • I am done with my homework • he comes home from work
• I feed him and play with him • I read some articles on the website • I play games for 10 minutes

- I get on this website every day _____ **after I am done with my homework** _____.
- You can play games on this website _____.
- My virtual pet on the web is happy _____.
- I got the idea for my science project _____.
- Sometimes, my dad plays games with me _____.
- My mom always tells me to get off the computer _____.

4. Practice Writing Details

A. Read the model essay on page 22 again. Match the idea with the details and write the letters.

Details

- I can always read interesting stories about different animals, people and places.
- It was so cute.
- I really enjoy looking at them.
- It also has fun games in English, and I play them often.
- It was amazing.

Idea	Details
1. First of all, there are a lot of interesting photos on the website.	c
2. Just yesterday, I saw a picture of an aurora glowing over Reykjavik, Iceland.	
3. I also saw a photo of a baby bobcat the other day.	
4. Secondly, I can practice my English while having fun on the website.	

B. Choose and write the details of the idea. Make your own sentences for question 4.

- I get answers faster there than from my parents. • I got the idea for my last project from this website.
• It is a great website for children. • It teaches science in a fun and easy way.
• I think asking questions is a good way to learn. • Everyone liked my project a lot.

Idea	Details
1. <i>Science Made Simple</i> is my favorite website on the Internet.	1a 1b
2. It provides answers to all my science questions.	2a 2b
3. It provides wonderful ideas for school science projects.	3a 3b
4. There is a science store.	4

5. Write Your Beginning Paragraph

The beginning paragraph introduces the topic of the essay.

A. Discuss your topic with a partner.

- What is your favorite website on the Internet?
- What is it like? Why do you like it?
- What do you do on the website?
- Would you recommend the website to your friends?

B. Read the beginning paragraph of the model essay on page 22 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of the Model Essay
• What is your favorite website?	<i>National Geographic Kids</i> is my favorite website on the Internet.
• What is the website like?	

C. Make a plan for the beginning paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of Your Essay
• What is your favorite website?	_____ is my favorite website on the Internet.
• What is the website like?	

6. Write Your Middle Paragraph

The middle paragraph describes the main idea of the topic.

A. Read the middle paragraph of the model essay on page 22 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of the Model Essay
Write the topic sentence.	I like National Geographic Kids for two reasons.
Why do you like the website? Write 2 or 3 reasons and explain.	First of all, there are a lot of interesting photos on the website. Second, I can practice my English while having fun on the website.

B. Make a plan for the middle paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of Your Essay
Write the topic sentence.	I like _____ for _____ reasons.
Why do you like the website? Write 2 or 3 reasons and explain.	

7. Write Your Ending Paragraph

The ending paragraph adds one last thought to the topic.

A. Read the ending paragraph of the model essay on page 22 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of the Model Essay
How often do you get on the website? How do you like it? Would you recommend it to your friends?	I get on this website every day after I am done with my homework.

B. Make a plan for the ending paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of Your Essay
How often do you get on the website? How do you like it? Would you recommend it to your friends?	

8. Complete Your Essay

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UNIT 3

My Favorite Season

1. Warm up

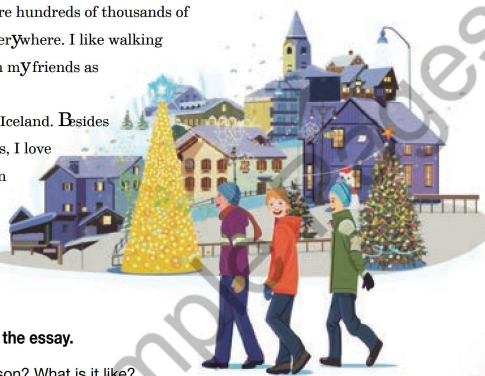
A. Talk about the picture and read the essay.

Amazing Winter in Iceland

My favorite season is winter. Sometimes it gets terribly windy, but the winter in Iceland is not as bad as you might expect. In fact, it is quite mild. It snows often, but it doesn't pile up in the city. Sometimes it even rains in the winter.

Winter is such a great season in Iceland. There are so many fun things to do. We can go skiing, snowmobiling and dog sledding just outside the city. We can also go swimming in an outdoor heated pool even when it snows. What I like best about the winter is our Christmas tradition. At Christmas time, the whole city turns into a winter wonderland. There are hundreds of thousands of twinkling Christmas lights everywhere. I like walking around the neighborhood with my friends as we sing Christmas carols.

I really like the winter in Iceland. Besides many exciting winter activities, I love watching auroras in the sky on winter nights. Come and visit me in Iceland in the winter. You will have a great time.



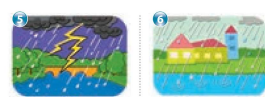
B. Discuss the questions about the essay.

- What is Jens' favorite season? What is it like?
- What can Jens and his family do in the winter?
- What does Jens like most about the winter in Iceland?

2. Practice Vocabulary

A. What is the weather like? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

bloom melt thunderstorms warm humid monsoon season



Spring

- It is nice and _____ in the spring.
- The snow starts to _____ in the spring.
- The flowers start to _____ in the spring.

Summer

- The weather is hot and _____ in the summer.
- We get _____ in the summer.
- The _____ is in the summer.

snows change colors piles up sky windy cooler



Autumn

- The weather gets _____ in the autumn.
- Tree leaves _____ in the autumn.
- The _____ looks bluer and higher in the autumn.

Winter

- It is cold and _____ in the winter.
- It _____ often in the winter.
- The snow _____ in the winter.

B. What can you do? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

1 ~ 4	plant a garden	build sand castles	go skiing	go hiking
5 ~ 8	go bike riding	go on a picnic	go apple picking	fly kites
9 ~ 12	go to an amusement park	take pictures	go swimming	barbeque



1. We can _____.
2. We can _____.
3. We can _____ with flowers and vegetables.
4. We can _____ on the beach.



5. We can _____.
6. We can _____.
7. We can _____.
8. We can _____.



9. We can _____ in the backyard.
10. We can _____.
11. We can _____.
12. We can _____ at the park.

3. Practice Writing Longer Sentences

A. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

- about the spring
- about the summer
- about the autumn
- about the winter

1. What I like best _____ is our Christmas tradition.
2. What I like best _____ is the color change in scenery.
3. What I like best _____ is planting our vegetable garden.
4. What I like best _____ is the camping trip.

B. Circle the correct word.

1. Winter is so / such a great season.
2. The sky is so / such blue and high in the autumn.
3. The tree leaves become so / such colorful in the autumn.
4. Skiing is so / such an exciting sport.

C. Choose and complete the sentence using **when** or **as**. Discuss your choices.

- I am at summer camp
- we sing Christmas carols
- we play in the snow
- we go hiking in the mountains
- we go to the beach
- we plant a vegetable garden

1. I like walking around the neighborhood with my friends as we sing Christmas carols.
2. We like watching beautiful autumn scenery _____.
3. I like looking for snails _____.
4. We like building sand castles _____.
5. I like writing postcards to Mom and Dad _____.
6. My dad likes taking pictures of us _____.

4. Practice Writing Details

A. Read the model essay on page 30 again. Match the idea with the details and write the letters.

Details

- a. We can go skiing, snowmobiling and dog sledding just outside the city.
- b. At Christmas time, the whole city turns into a winter wonderland.
- c. There are hundreds of thousands of twinkling Christmas lights everywhere.
- d. We can also go swimming in an outdoor heated pool even when it snows.
- e. I like walking around the neighborhood with my friends as we sing Christmas carols.

Idea	Details
1. There are so many fun things to do.	
2. What I like best about the winter is our Christmas tradition.	

B. Choose and write the details of the idea. Make your own sentences for question 4.

- We plant cucumbers, tomatoes, and carrots.
- Sometimes we can see small animals as we hike.
- Everything comes to life again in the spring.
- I like the warm spring weather very much.
- It feels good to walk up to the top.
- I like looking for snails when we plant a garden.

Idea	Details
1. My favorite season is spring.	1a 1b
2. My family can plant a vegetable garden in the spring.	2a 2b
3. We can also go hiking in the mountains.	3a 3b
4. What I like best about the spring is playing outside with my friends.	4a 4b

5. Write Your Beginning Paragraph

The **beginning paragraph** introduces the topic of the essay.

A. Discuss your topic with a partner.

1. What is your favorite season?
2. What is your favorite season like?
3. What fun things do you do in your favorite season?
4. What do you like most about your favorite season?

B. Read the beginning paragraph of the model essay on page 30 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of the Model Essay
• What is your favorite season?	<i>My favorite season is winter.</i>
• What is your favorite season like?	

C. Make a plan for the beginning paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of Your Essay
• What is your favorite season?	<i>My favorite season is _____.</i>
• What is your favorite season like?	

6. Write Your Middle Paragraph

The middle paragraph describes the main idea of the topic.

A. Read the middle paragraph of the model essay on page 30 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of the Model Essay
Write the topic sentence.	When is such a great season in Iceland
What fun things do you do with your family or friends?	There are so many fun things to do
What do you like most about your favorite season?	What I like best about the winter is our Christmas tradition.

B. Make a plan for the middle paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of Your Essay
Write the topic sentence.	_____ is such a great season in _____
What fun things do you do with your family or friends?	
What do you like most about your favorite season?	

7. Write Your Ending Paragraph

The ending paragraph adds one last thought to the topic.

A. Read the ending paragraph of the model essay on page 30 again and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of the Model Essay
How do you feel about your favorite season? Explain.	I really like the winter in Iceland.

B. Make a plan for the ending paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of Your Essay
How do you feel about your favorite season? Explain.	

8. Complete Your Essay

>> Photocopy the writing task form on page 113 and complete your essay.

Step 1 Title	Write the title of your essay.
Step 2 Beginning Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 5C and write it.
Step 3 Middle Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 6B and write it.
Step 4 Ending Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 7B and write it.
Step 5 Revise and Edit	Read your essay and make necessary changes.

UNIT 4

The Best Gift Ever

1. Warm up

A. Talk about the picture and read the essay.

Four Legged Friend Sparky

My dog is the best gift I ever got. I won't forget the day he came to me. It was on my 10th birthday. Mom and Dad brought him home with a bow and a happy birthday card hanging on his collar. He was 3 months old then, and I named him Sparky.

Sparky is a wonderful dog. He is a good looking Siberian husky. His eyes are dark blue, and his fur is black and white. He has a long bushy tail. I take good care of Sparky. I feed him in the morning and in the evening. I take him for a walk and play with him after school. Sparky waits for me at the gate when I come home from school. He wags his tail, jumps around me, and licks my hands and face. He follows me everywhere.

Sparky is such a great friend. He trusts me completely, and I feel like I have the whole world when Sparky is around. My day is never boring when I am with him.



B. Discuss the questions about the essay.

1. What is Jens' best gift ever?
2. When did Jens get it? Who gave it to him?
3. What does it look like? What does Jens do with it?
4. How does Jens feel about it?

2. Practice Vocabulary

A. What is your best gift ever? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

laptop computer	inline skates	cell phone	game player	soccer shoes
aunt	uncle	mom and dad	grandma	grandpa
on	in	next to	under	in front of



1. My _____ are the best gift I ever got.
My _____ gave them to me on my birthday.
They were _____ a large box with a string bow.



2. My _____ is the best gift I ever got.
My _____ gave it to me last Christmas.
It was _____ the Christmas tree.



3. My _____ is the best gift I ever got.
My _____ gave it to me on my birthday.
It was _____ my pillow when I woke up.



4. My _____ are the best gift I ever got.
My _____ gave them to me for Christmas.
They were _____ my room on Christmas morning.



5. My _____ is the best gift I ever got.
My _____ gave it to me last week.
It was _____ my desk when I came home from school.