

Essay Strategies Worksheet #1

Teaching Essay Strategies uses numbers to identify parts of an essay. The (3) is the main idea of a body paragraph, and is often called the *topic sentence*. The (4) “talks about” the (3). This worksheet will help you practice using these numbers to improve your writing.

Writing Hint

Good essay paragraphs have one (3) sentence and at least two (4) sentences. Each (4) must belong to the same writing category. See how (4) “rain” and (4) “snow” belong to the same writing category in the **Good Writing Example** below. Each gives an example of “weather.” Then, see how the (4) “rain” and (4) “nice” do *not* belong to the same category in the **Bad Writing Example** below. The word “rain” is *an example* while the word “nice” is *a description* of “weather.”

Good Writing Example

- (3) weather
 - (4) rain
 - (4) snow

Bad Writing Example

- (3) weather
 - (4) rain
 - (4) nice

Directions

Fill in the blanks with the words that best complete the (3)-(4)-(4) paragraphs.

- (3) pets
 - (4) cat
 - (4) _____

- (3) zoo
 - (4) tigers
 - (4) _____

- (3) cities
 - (4) _____
 - (4) Dallas

- (3) states
 - (4) _____
 - (4) Ohio

- (3) _____
 - (4) elementary
 - (4) college

- (3) _____
 - (4) Saturday
 - (4) Sunday

- (3) _____
 - (4) baseball
 - (4) soccer

- (3) _____
 - (4) Mexico
 - (4) Canada

Essay Strategies Worksheet #2

Writing Hint

Remember that (4) sentences should belong to the same writing category such as in the **Writing Example** below.

Writing Example

- (3) feelings
 - (4) happy
 - (4) sad

Directions

Fill in the blanks with the words that best complete the (3)-(4)-(4) paragraphs.

(3) heroes

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) games

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) friends

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) teachers

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) hobbies

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) trees

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) rivers

(4) _____

(4) _____

(3) candy

(4) _____

(4) _____