

Subject-Based Strategies Foundation English

Tips for Continuous Writing (Formal)

Writing a good continuous piece requires attention to several key elements. Here are some tips to help you create an engaging and well-structured composition:

1. Understand the Topic

Have a clear understanding of the given topic or prompt. Brainstorm ideas, create an outline, or mind map to organize your thoughts before starting to write.



E.g.,

2. Introduction

Begin with an interesting introduction to grab the reader's attention. It could be a striking statement, a question, or a vivid description related to the topic. E.g., “Beads of perspiration trickled down my forehead. The sun was shining angrily on this warm, humid Sunday morning.”

3. Main Body

The main body of the composition should consist of well-structured paragraphs that support the central idea or theme. Each paragraph should focus on a specific point and begin with a topic sentence, followed by supporting details or examples.

4. **Use of Descriptive Language**

Use descriptive language to paint a clear picture in the reader's mind.

E.g., "There stood an **old, scrawny** lady in the **narrow** pathway." Use of adjectives, similes, and metaphors to make the writing more engaging.

5. **Show, Don't Tell**

Instead of writing "Peter was angry", describe how Peter looked when he was angry. E.g., "Peter's face was as red as a tomato. His fists were tightly clenched."

Show emotions and actions through your characters' behaviors and dialogues rather than simply stating them.

6. **Dialogue**

Introduce dialogue in your writing to bring characters to life and make the narrative more dynamic. Remember to use appropriate punctuation and formatting when writing dialogue. E.g., "Do you need help?" asked Peter.

7. **Transitions**

Use transitional words and phrases to create smooth and logical connections between paragraphs and ideas. E.g., "**In a matter of minutes**, the ambulance arrived on the scene."

8. **Conclusion**

End the composition with a satisfying conclusion that wraps up the story or main ideas. It could be a reflection, a moral, or a prediction related to the topic. E.g., "It is important to help one another whenever we can. Always remember to be kind."