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# The Writing Process

Strong writers will use the writing process to help them become stronger writers and improve their writing. Writing is a process. Strong writers need to take time to think, plan, write, reread, and write some more.

**Brainstorm**  
 You think about ideas you want to write about and create a plan for your writing.

**Write**  
 You start writing. You expand your ideas and start developing your writing piece.

**Revise**  
 You make sure the content of your writing is exactly how you want. You might need to add or move ideas around.

**Write More**  
 After you revise, you might need to write more to make sure your writing is exactly how you want it for your readers.

**Edit**  
 Right before you are ready to publish, you want to read over your writing with a careful eye. Check for any mechanical mistakes.

**Publish**  
 When you publish, you write your piece one final time and try to make it perfect!

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**Prewriting:** thinking about a topic, brainstorming, and planning

**Drafting:** quickly putting thoughts on paper

**Revising:** reworking the organization and details

**Editing:** reviewing and correcting spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation

**Evaluating:** reflecting and assessing what has been written

**Publishing:** sharing final writing with others

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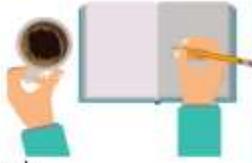
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Now, it is time to apply the Writing Process steps to make an essay. Please, use the words and expressions stated in the Essay Writing to structure your essay. You can choose a topic for your essay in the list below, or you can use other, if you want.

**ESSAY Writing** 

**Opening:**  
 It is often said that.../ Many people claim that...  
 In this day and age.../ Nowadays.../ These days...  
 ...is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion.  
 It goes without saying that.../ Needless to say...  
 The following essay takes a look at both sides of the argument.



**Introducing points:**  
 Firstly,.../ To start with,.../ First of all,.../ First and foremost,...  
 Secondly,.../ Thirdly,.../ Lastly,.../ Finally,.../ Last but not least,...  
 Furthermore,.../ In addition,.../ What is more,.../ On top of that,...  
 Another point worth noting is.../ Another factor to consider is...

**Presenting ideas & giving examples:**  
 When it comes to *noun/gerund*,... According to experts,...  
 In terms of *noun/gerund*,... Research has found that...  
 Not only...but also... There are those who argue that  
 With respect to *noun/gerund*,... For instance.../ For example.../ such as...

**Expressing result & reason:**  
 As a result, .../ As a result of *noun/gerund*,... Although/Even though subject+verb,...  
*noun/gerund* has led to/ resulted in... Despite/In spite of *noun/gerund*,...  
 Consequently,.../ Therefore,... Despite the fact that subject + verb,...  
 On account of *noun/gerund*/due to *noun/gerund* On the one hand...On the other hand...  
 One reason behind this is... However,.../ Nevertheless,.../ Even so...

**Concluding:**  
 To sum up,.../ In conclusion,...  
 All things considered,...  
 Taking everything into consideration,...  
 Weighing up both sides of the argument,...  
 On the whole,.../ By and large,.../ In general,...

**Opinion:**  
 As far as I am concerned,...  
 From my point of view,...  
 In my opinion,...  
 My own view on the matter is:...

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**Writing Prompts – Opinion Essay**

- Why everyone should own a dog
- How to make the best chocolate chip cookies
- Why math is the most useful subject
- How to best cool down on a hot day
- Why sleeping in late is good for you
- How homework is good for you
- Why it is fun to camp in your backyard
- Why skiing is better than snowboarding
- Why basketball is better than soccer
- How staying up past your bedtime is okay
- Why eating breakfast for dinner is fun
- Why every day should be Saturday
- Why school should start at 9 o'clock in the morning
- How to best teach someone to ride a bike
- What you are thankful for and why
- Why brothers are better than sisters (or why sisters are better than brothers)
- Why taking a train is more fun than taking an airplane
- Your favorite food and why
- Why everyone should live on an island
- Why a goldfish makes a good first pet
- Why kids should do chores



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