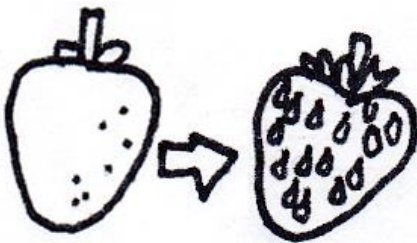


Topic

Topic Sentence



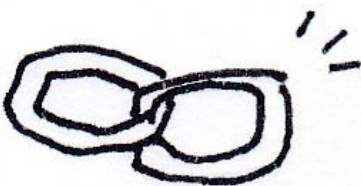
Elaborate

Examples or Evidence



Analyse

Why/How?



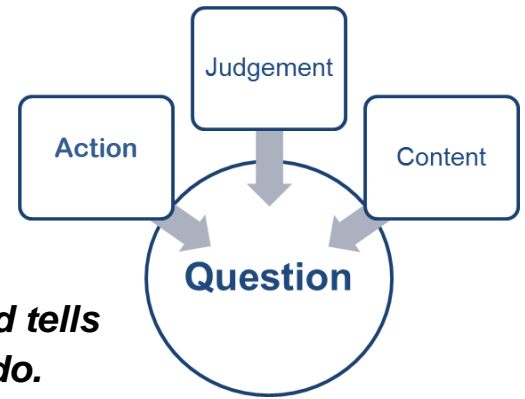
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QUESTION DECONSTRUCTION

3 Steps to Understand the Question:



1. ACTION

An ACTION word tells you what to do.

Underline the question ACTION

Examples of question ACTION words:

Describe, Explain, Analyse, What is ..., How did ...

Example: Explain the advantages of the long summer school holiday in Australia.

2. JUDGEMENT

What is a judgement?

A JUDGEMENT is a viewpoint required by the question.

Circle the JUDGEMENT

Examples of JUDGEMENT words: importance, impacts, differences, disadvantages, benefits, Why should, How must, ...

Example: Explain the advantages of the long summer school holiday in Australia.

3. CONTENT

What is the content?

The CONTENT identifies the topic information that must be included in the answer.

Box the CONTENT

Example: Explain the advantages of the long summer school holiday in Australia.

How to WRITE a paragraph using TEAL

4 Steps to Answer the Question in paragraph form

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- The TOPIC sentence by rewording the question as a statement
- 1 sentence

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- ELABORATE by *describing* the features and explaining the significance through...
- examples or evidence
- 2+ sentences

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- ANALYSE by giving reasons *why* and/or *how* the features of the topic are significant
- 2+ sentences

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- LINK *reinforces* the main point of the paragraph
- Connects to the topic in a short response
- Connects to the next paragraph in an extended response
- 1 sentence

TEAL PARAGRAPH



Name: _____ Stage 5 – 6 Class _____

Question:

Underline the ACTION, Circle the JUDGEMENT, Box the CONTENT

Topic *State the topic sentence by re-wording the question as a statement*

Write the topic sentence (1 sentence)

Elaborate *Describe the features and explain their significance*

Describe the significant features of the point and give examples / evidence (2+ sentences)

Analyse *Give reasons why and/or how it is significant.*

Reasons how and/or why (2+ sentences)

Link *Recap or reinforce the point about the topic and judgement.*

Or link to the next point in an extended response. (1 sentence)

TEAL WRITING MODEL



Stages 5 & 6

Steps to write a long response using TEAL paragraphs

Question:

Underline the ACTION, Circle the JUDGEMENT, Box the CONTENT

INTRODUCTION

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Paragraph 3

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Paragraph 4

**** Note: Stage 6 Board Course essays may require 6 - 8 body paragraphs.**

CONCLUSION

- Topic:** State the topic sentence by re-wording the question as a statement - 1 sentence
- Elaborate:** Describe the significant features of the point and give examples / evidence (2+ sentences)
- Analyse:** Give reasons why and/or how it is significant. (2+ sentences)
- Link:** Recap or reinforce the point about the topic and judgement.
And/or link to the next point in an extended response.