

# Understanding Texts • Lesson 1

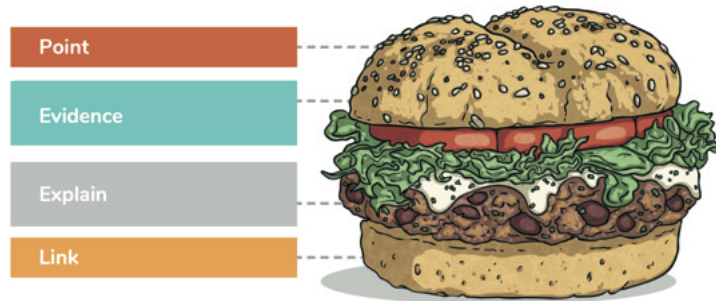
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## Essay writing

An essay is, generally, a piece of writing that gives the author's own argument. To understand an essay, we must first understand the following question:

### What is a PEEL paragraph structure?

PEEL paragraph method is a technique used in writing to help structure paragraphs in a way that presents a single clear and focused argument, which links back to the topic statement. When thinking about a PEEL paragraph structure, students should think about the paragraph as a hamburger.



### Point

Make the central argument express the main idea in the topic sentence. A topic sentence must highlight the main idea of a paragraph, letting the reader know what the paragraph will be about.

### Evidence

Provide evidence or reasons supporting your point. Maybe in the form of a quote from an authority, a historical reference or use of statistics.

### Explain

Explain the point and how the evidence provided supports it.

### Link

Bridge to the next paragraph. Use transitional phrases and refer to your main idea.



Why do you think writing in a PEEL structure is important?

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Now that we have a good understanding of annotating and a PEEL structure, let's complete the following activities!

**Essay Writing Activity 1**

Look at the following image and answer the question below using the PEEL structure:



Kids Happy Acrylic Painting Eric Marette

How does the illustrator of the image showcase the happiness expressed by the children?

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## Essay Writing Activity 2

Look at the following image and answer the question below using the PEEL structure:



How does the illustrator of the image showcase the exciting competition taking place?

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## Essay Writing Activity 3

Look at the following image and answer the question below using the PEEL structure:



How does the illustrator of the image showcase the confusion of the farmer?

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