

Resources for Research

Quick Survey Ask the following five questions to your partner. Then, write your answer, your partner's answer, and the most popular answer in your group or class.

1. When do you go to a library?

You: _____
Your partner: _____
Most popular: _____

2. How often do you use the internet?

You: _____
Your partner: _____
Most popular: _____

3. How often do you write a report?

You: _____
Your partner: _____
Most popular: _____

4. Do you use a computer to help you when you write a report?

You: _____
Your partner: _____
Most popular: _____

5. What kind of websites do you trust when you research a topic?

You: _____
Your partner: _____
Most popular: _____

Dialog

Hirono: I'm a bit concerned about the report for our Environmental Science class. I'm not sure about the date of the deadline, or how to do research for it.

Benjamin: We need to hand it in by Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. You can send it by email to Prof. Gallagher, or you can leave it in a box next to her office door.

Hirono: Thanks a lot. I'll probably send an attachment by email to the professor.

Benjamin: As far as research on the paper goes, of course one option is to use the resources at our school library. There are many copies of different journals there, and the librarians are extremely friendly and helpful.

Hirono: Yeah, I went there yesterday for the first time. It's in a really convenient place, just in back of the campus bookstore. I overheard some students say that on weekends it's open 24/7, is that right?

Benjamin: That's right. Another option is to use the internet. Of course, you could start by doing a general search of your paper's topic using search engines. Three of the most popular English-language search engines are located at the internet addresses <https://www.google.com>, <http://www.yahoo.com>, and <http://www.bing.com>. Bing is a relatively new search engine operated by Microsoft.

Hirono: I've heard of the first two, but I didn't know about Bing. I'll check that one out later tonight.

Benjamin: You could also do a search specifically for papers which have been written about your topic in the past. One of the best sites that can help you with this is <http://scholar.google.com>. Many of the articles you'll find there cost money, but some are free.

Hirono: That seems like it would be enormously helpful. I should try that first. Thanks so much, I appreciate your advice.

Comprehension Questions

Part 1

- What does Hirono want to confirm?
- What is the first option that Ben gives Hirono?
- What is the second option that Ben gives Hirono?



Dictation Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hirono asks Ben about ()() of the report and how to ()() for it. Ben says that one option is to use ()()()(). He tells her that another option is to use ()().

Part 2

- Hirono and Benjamin need to do the report for a class they are both taking. Which class?
- Why does he recommend the first option?
- Does he give her examples? What kind of search engine does he recommend?



Dictation Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hirono asks Ben about the date of the deadline of the report for their ()()() and how to do research for it. Ben says that one option is to use the resources at their school library ()()()()()()()() there, and the librarians are ()()(). He tells her that another option is to use the internet. He tells her about three of the most popular search engines, called (), (), and ().

Part 3

- When is the due date for the report?
- After her conversation with Ben, which method of research will Hirono probably try first?

Dictation Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hirono asks Ben about the due date of the report for their Environmental Science class, and how to do research for it. It is essential that ()()()()()() () at 1:00 pm. It can be sent by email to the professor, or it can be left in a box next to her office door. Regarding research on the paper, Ben first recommends that she use the resources at their school library because there are many copies of different journals there, and the librarians are friendly and helpful. He also suggests using the internet and popular search engines such as Google, Yahoo, and Bing. Hirono appreciates his advice, and ()()()()()()(), ().

Writing Tips

1. Paragraphs and essays

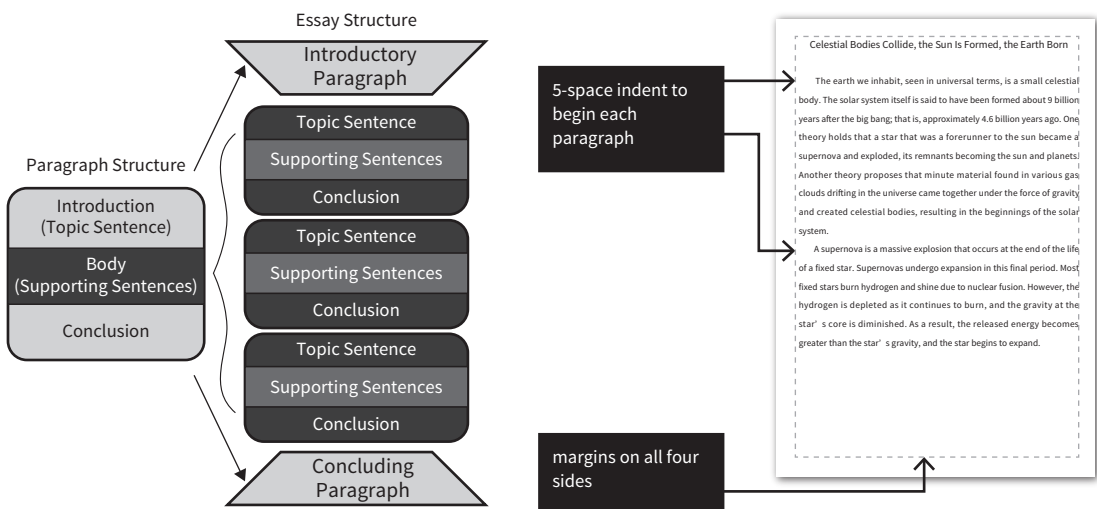
A paragraph consists of several sentences, while an essay consists of multiple paragraphs.

2. Structure

Both a paragraph and an essay may consist of a three-part structure: an introduction, body, and conclusion.

3. Format

The first sentence of each paragraph should be indented, and all four sides of the page need a proper margin. Certain types of computer software can automatically format text.



Exercise

(A) Replace the underlined phrasal verbs with the verbs below, without changing the original meaning. Rewrite each sentence. In some sentences, it may be required to alter the tense of the verb.

1. Mariko turned down the invitation to a party. ()
2. Junki took off his shoes quickly. ()
3. The plane took off on time. ()
4. Hiroshi turned in his research paper yesterday. ()
5. Our flight has been put off indefinitely. ()
6. The building fell down because of the earthquake. ()
7. Let's do away with things we don't need. ()
8. Look into the causes of the accident. ()

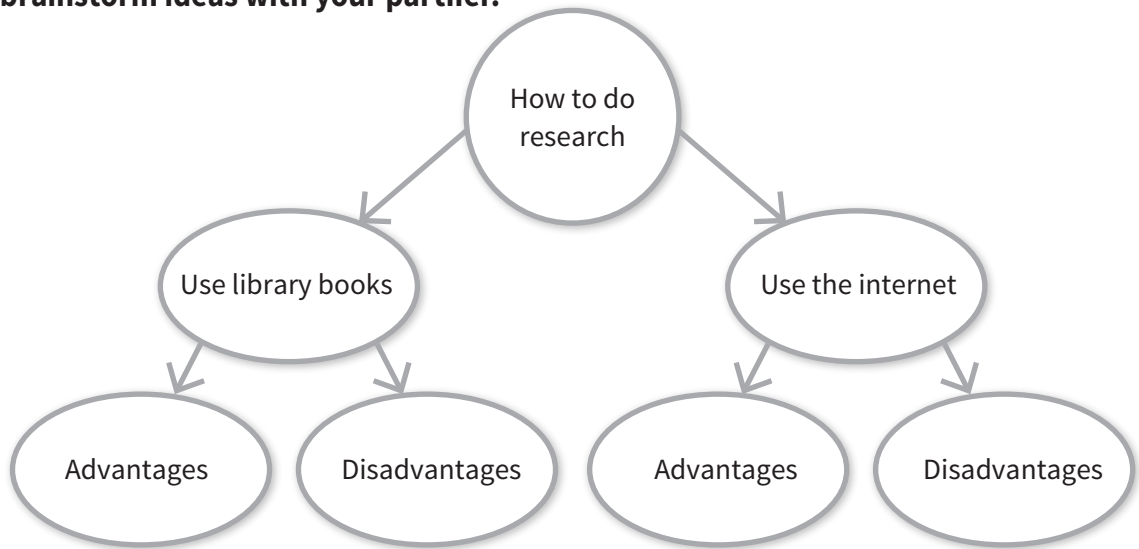
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| ▶ investigate | ▶ discard | ▶ leave |
| ▶ collapse | ▶ remove | |

(B) Complete the sentences below so that they express the idea that something is important or desirable. In some sentences, it may be required to alter the form of the verb.

1. It is absolutely essential that men and women () an equal opportunity at work.
2. It was important that he () a rest for his health.
3. I strongly recommend that you () to another apartment.
4. I suggest () various internet search engines.
5. Our advice is that the university () heavily in international education exchange.
6. He insisted that his children () home before turning twenty.

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| ▶ take | ▶ use | ▶ move |

(C) While conducting research, some people like to use the internet, while others would rather use library books. Which do you prefer? Please prepare to write a paragraph on the best way to do research. Use a web diagram to help you brainstorm ideas with your partner.



(D) While conducting research, would you prefer to use the internet, or library books? Write a short paragraph explaining your opinion, using reasons and examples to support your response. Use the ideas developed in Exercise C, and the following key phrases to help you.

When I research something, I prefer to use () rather than ().

The first reason is that ().

The second reason is that ().



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