

Academic English Basic

Week 3

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Agenda

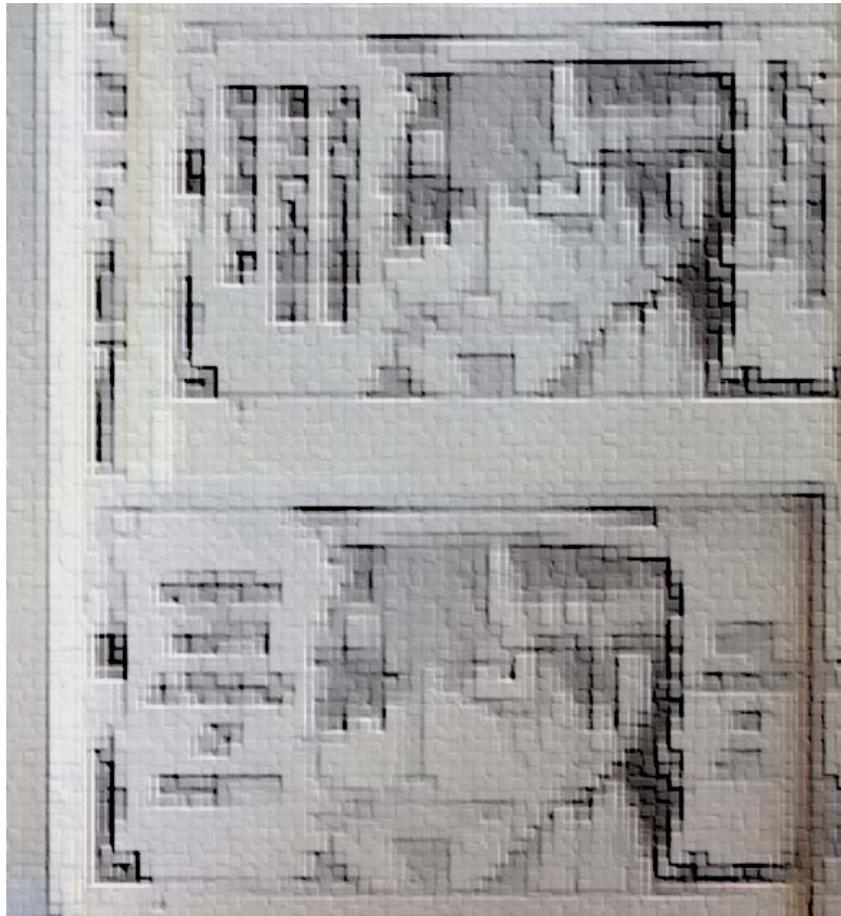
- Review
- Free writing
- Review: What is a paragraph ?
- Homework for today
- Paraphrasing
- Homework for next week

Free Writing

- Keep writing for 5 minutes.
- Make sure to keep your hand moving all the time (a two-second break is too long).
- For corrections, strike a single line through the error; do not use an eraser.
- Topic:
What did you do during the Golden Week?

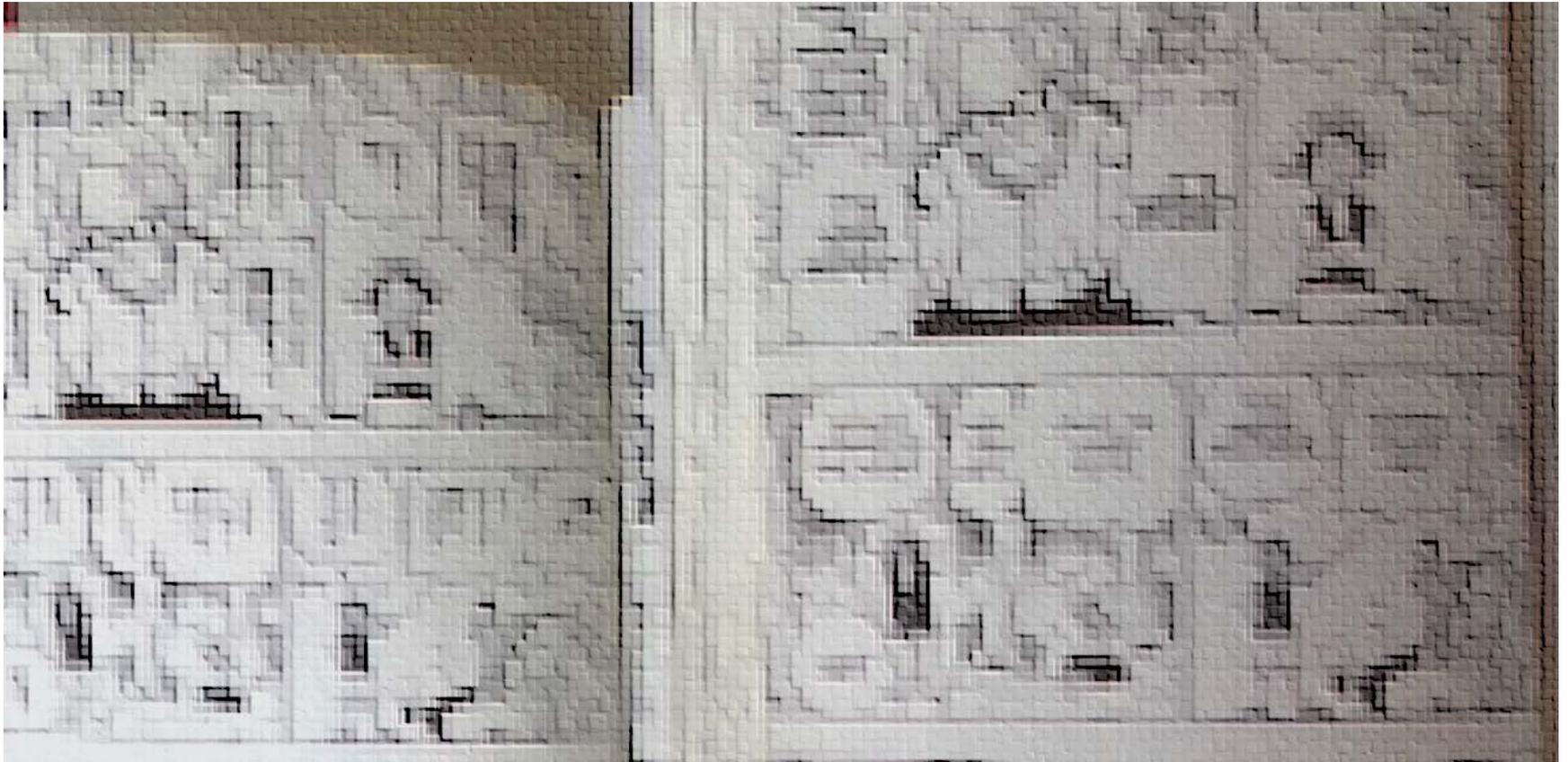
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What is a Paragraph?

- A paragraph has four features. (p. 12).
 - A paragraph has a **topic sentence** that states the main idea. → 何のパラグラフかを明記
 - All of the sentences in a paragraph are about one topic. → 1つのトピックについて書かれている
 - The first line of a paragraph is **indented** (or 6 spaces). → 先頭がインデントされている
 - The last sentence, or **concluding sentence**, brings the paragraph to a logical end. → ロジカルな終わりがある。

Homework review

- Textbook p. 18 & 19 . . . only! :-)

Homework review

- Example Paragraph 7 (p. 18)
 - 1. New York City
 - No,
 - NY is famous for several reasons.
 - 2. Yes.
 - 3. Yes.
 - 4. For these reasons, everyone knows about this city.

Homework review

- Example Paragraph 8 (p. 19)
 - 1. Jim Thorpe
 - Yes. Jim Thorpe is a controversial figure in sports history.
 - 2. Yes.
 - 3. Yes.
 - 4. Seventy years after his achievements, Thorpe's name was finally returned to the list of 1912 Olympic winners. (time words = Seventy years after his achievements, finally)

The title of a paragraph (p. 25)

- A good paragraph title is catchy.
- But, a title does not tell everything about the paragraph.
- If you are writing about “スクランブルエッグをこがしちゃった” event, what would be a good title?
- What about a title for this English course?



Unit 3: Topic Sentence (p. 48)

- In this unit, we study ...
 - The function of a topic sentence
 - What a good topic sentence looks like
 - How a good controlling idea works

Features of a Good Topic Sentence (p. 51)

- A good topic sentence...
 - controls or guides the whole paragraph (→ 何が書いてあるか予想できる)
 - Is not a fact that everyone accepts as true (→ 皆知っている事実だけなら続きがない).
 - Is specific but not too specific (→ 詳しくないと予想ができない。詳しくすぎると続きが必要ない)
 - has a controlling idea (→ ガイド機能を果たす)
- Let's do Activity 2 (p. 50-51) together.

Controlling Ideas (p. 52)

- A topic sentences should include a controlling idea
- Controlling Ideas evoke questions such as WHAT, HOW, WHY (→ 疑問が浮かぶため、いちばん気になる部分だと言えます)
- Let's do Activity 3 together (p. 53)

Controlling Ideas (p. 53)

- (1) The SAT Reasoning Test contains three distinct sections that deal with three important skills.
- → **What are these three important skill?**
- (3) Crossword puzzles are not only educational and fun but also addictive.
- → **Why is it addictive?**
- (5) Although buying a house may seem appealing, renting an apartment has many advantages.
- → **What are these advantages?**

Topic Sentence を考えましょう

- What is a good topic sentence for Example Paragraph 18 ? (p. 59)
- Popcorn is a simple but excellent snack food.
- There is only merit in eating popcorn.
- Popcorn is recommended to you for various reasons.

Eye-tracking

Psycholinguistics or psychology of language is the study of the psychological and neurobiological factors that enable humans to acquire, use, comprehend and produce language. Initial forays into psycholinguistics were largely philosophical ventures, due mainly to a lack of cohesive data on how the human brain functioned. Modern research makes use of biology, neuroscience, cognitive science, and information theory to study how the brain processes language.

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Scrambled Text

According to a research study at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Scrambled Text

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Scrambled Text

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Homework

- Example Paragraph 17 と Example Paragraph 19 を読んで、良い Topic Sentence を考えて(書いて)きて下さい。
- 例えば、Example Paragraph 18
- Popcorn is a simple but excellent snack food.
- There is only merit in eating popcorn.
- Popcorn is recommended to you for various reasons.