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UNIT 1 | REVIEW YOUR SOLID KNOWLEDGE

LESSON 1 | GRAMMAR AND STRUCTURE

TOPIC 1 | PARTS OF SPEECH (Word Class)

There are eight main parts of speech:

Nouns:

- Proper nouns: specific names given to particular individuals, places, organizations, or things and are typically capitalized like Egypt, Samsung, Adam, etc.
- Common nouns: general, non-specific names given to people, places, things, or ideas. Unlike proper nouns, common nouns are not capitalized unless they begin a sentence like chair, board, laptop, etc.
- Concrete nouns: refer to physical objects that can be perceived by the senses like water, sand, car, etc.
- Abstract nouns: words that represent concepts, ideas, qualities, or states that cannot be perceived through the senses like love, hatred, honesty, beauty, etc.
- Countable nouns: nouns that can be counted as individual units like a pen, a table, a book, etc.
- Uncountable nouns: substances, concepts, or qualities that cannot be easily counted as individual units like money, salt, furniture, oil, etc.
- Collective nouns: words that represent groups of people, animals, or things like team, family, orchestra, flock, etc.

Pronouns: They replace the nouns

- Subject pronouns: I, we, he, she, it, they, you.
- Object pronouns: me, us, him, her, it, them, you.
- Possessive pronouns: mine, ours, his, hers, its, theirs, yours.
- Reflexive Pronouns: myself, ourselves, himself, herself, itself, themselves, yourself / yourselves.
- Demonstrative Pronouns: This, these, that, those.
- Relative Pronouns: Who, whose, whom, which, that, where, when.
- Interrogative pronouns: who, where, whose, when, why, what, how, which, etc.

Verbs:

Words that express an action, occurrence, or state of being. Examples include "run," "eat," and "is." Modal verbs have different usages; they can be used to show possibility, to permit, to give advice, to show necessity, etc.

Adjectives: Words that describe or modify a noun or pronoun, providing additional information about it. Examples include "happy," "red," and "tall." They can be simple adjectives, comparative, superlative, compound or coordinating.

Adverbs: Words that modify a verb, adjective, or other adverb, providing information about the manner, place, time, or degree of an action or quality. Examples include "quickly," "very," and "here."



Prepositions: Words that show the relationship between a noun (or pronoun) and other elements in a sentence. Examples include "in," "on," and "under."

Conjunctions: Words that connect words, phrases, or clauses in a sentence. Examples include "and," "but," and "although".

Interjections: Words or phrases used to express strong emotion or sudden exclamations. Examples include "Wow!" "Ouch!" and "Oh!"

How Parts of Speech Questions Appear in the Exam (Reading)

1. What does *it* in ... refer to? (Stage 7, Progression 2023, Paper 1)
2. The writer uses personal pronouns in the ...paragraph. What effect does this create? (April 2023, paper 1).
3. Why does the writer use imperatives in paragraph...? (April 2023, paper 1).
4. Why does the writer use a conjunction in ... (Progression 2023, paper 1).
5. What part of speech are the hyphenated (-) words? Tick one box (Progression 2022 Paper 2).
6. The writer uses a **grammatical function** to refer to the influence of the game of chess. Which one word does the writer use to do that? (Stage 9 Progression 2023, Paper 2)

Parts of Speech and Writing

Regarding word class, the following tips can help in your writing:

1. Make sure you are using the correct noun, adjective, adverb form in your writing.

Wrong form example: We need time of relax. ❌

Correct form example: We need time of relaxation. ✓

2. Make sure to capitalize the initial letter of the proper nouns even in the middle of the sentence.

Example: My favourite month is may. (Wrong) ❌

Correction: My favourite month is May. ✓

3. Make sure you are using the correct pronoun when replacing a noun.

Example: Mobile phones are important in our lives. It helps us to be on touch with the people we love and contact him all time. (Wrong) ❌

Correction: Mobile phones are important in our lives. They help us to be on touch with the people we love and contact them all time. ✓



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TOPIC 2 | PHRASES AND CLAUSES

A phrase is a group of words that is part of, rather than the whole of, a sentence. Phrases usually lacks one of the main components of a sentence (subject or verb).

The Most Common Types of Phrases:

1. Noun Phrase

Example: Her beautiful smile brightened up the entire room.

2. Prepositional Phrase (It always begins with a preposition)

Example: She was excited about the upcoming vacation.

3. Adverbial Phrase (modifies the verb or the adjective and works as an adverb)

Example: He spoke very confidently.

4. Adjectival Phrase (modifies the noun and works as an adjective in the sentence)

Example: They lived in a town near the mountains.

5. Participle Phrase (verb+ 'ing' or 'ed' + the other necessary elements)

Example: Exhausted from the long trek, the explorer set up camp near river.

Example: The ship, sailing under a cloudless sky, reached its destination.

6. Gerund Phrase (the verb + ing 'gerund'+ the other necessary elements; it functions as the noun of the sentence)

Example: Travelling to new places is on her bucket list.

7. Infinitive Phrase (to+ the base form of the verb+ the other necessary elements)

Example: To avoid sunburns, apply the sunblock every two hours.

A clause is group of words that contains a subject and a verb that have a relationship.

The Most Common Types of Clauses:

1. Independent Clauses (Main Clauses): An independent clause is a group of words that can stand alone as a complete sentence because it expresses a complete thought.

Example: She went to the store.

2. Dependent Clauses (Subordinate Clauses): A dependent clause is a group of words that cannot stand alone as a complete sentence because it does not express a complete thought. It relies on an independent clause to form a complete sentence.

Dependent clauses can be formed with a subordinate conjunction or with a relative pronoun.

Example: Because she was out of milk, she went to the supermarket. (Dependent clause with a subordinate conjunction)

Example: The book that I borrowed from you is on the table. (Relative clause)



N.B.: Opening the sentence with a phrase or a dependent clause can have various effects depending on the opening phrase or clause; it may be to add more focus on a certain action, place, feeling, etc. Read the tips below about phrases and clauses usages in writing for more clarification.

How Phrases and Clauses Questions Appear in the Exam (Reading)

1. Look at the ... paragraph. What effect does the writer create by beginning the paragraph with subordinate clauses? (Stage 7, Progression 2024, paper 1)
2. Look at the ... paragraph. The writer begins three of the sentences with a prepositional phrase. Explain the effect this has (Stage 8 October 2023, paper 1).
3. Which adverbial phrase marks the beginning of... (Stage 8 April 2023, paper 2).
4. Look at the ... paragraph. Identify the main clause in the third sentence (Stage 8 Progression 2022, paper 1).
5. Look at the ... paragraph. The writer uses a subordinate clause to begin the sentence. Give one reason for this (Stage 9 Progression 2022, paper 1).

How Phrases and Clauses Can be used to Enhance your Writing

To enhance your writing and make it more creative, varying your sentences style through using different types of phrases and clauses and positioning them in different places is essential.

Tips:

1. Use the phrases as sentence openers to grab your reader's attention, arouse their curiosity, indicate a feeling, add more focus on an action, direct the reader's attention to where things are or a place.

Basic sentences: She entered the room. She was walking confidently.

Modified Sentence: Walking confidently, she entered the room / With confident steps, she entered the room / Confidently, she entered the room.

Basic sentence: The moving image of an armoured knight was on a big screen on the wall of a windowless room

Modified Sentence: On a big screen on the wall of a windowless room is the moving image of an armoured knight.

2. Open your sentence with a dependent clause to urge the reader complete reading the sentence, withhold the information or add drama by delaying the climax of an incident.

Basic sentences: You decided to refuse my proposal. You have no place among us.

Modified Sentence: Since you decided to refuse my proposal, you have no place among us anymore.

Basic sentence: There was a frantic knock on the door as we were nibbling on nuts.

Modified Sentence: As we were nibbling on nuts, there was a frantic knock on the door.



3. Expand your sentences by using relative clauses and phrases for extra details.

Basic sentences: My sister decided to quit her job. This job was draining all her power. It caused her many physical problems.

Modified Sentence: My sister decided to quit the job that was draining all her power, causing her different physical problems.

4. Use short phrases for effect.

Basic sentences: His ears caught strange whispers. They were deadly whispers. They were announcing his death.

Modified Sentence 1: His ears caught strange whispers. Deadly ones announcing his end.

Modified Sentence 2: His ears caught strange whispers that were announcing his end. Deadly ones. (A relative clause is used and a short phrase).

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TOPIC 3 | CONNECTIVES

A **connective** is a word phrase used to combine other words, phrases, or clauses to create a cohesive sentence or to link the paragraphs of a piece of writing.

Connectives can be any part of speech; they can be a conjunction, a preposition, an adverb, etc. They can be a single word or a whole phrase.

➤ Conjunctions are connectives and they are of three types:

1. Co-ordinating conjunctions: For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

2. Subordinating conjunctions: While, when, as, just as, although, though, even though, because, if, until, unless, after, before, as soon as, by the time, since, in order to, whenever, wherever, whereas, otherwise.

3. Co-relative conjunctions: pairs of conjunctions that work together:

- **Either...or:** You can either eat now or wait until later.
- **Neither...nor:** Neither the teacher nor the students knew the answer.
- **Both...and:** She is both intelligent and hardworking.
- **Not only...but also:** Not only did she complete the project, but she also exceeded expectations.
- **Whether...or:** I don't know whether he will come or not.
- **So...as:** She is not so much a teacher as a mentor.
- **Such...that:** It was such a difficult exam that many students struggled to pass.

➤ Adverbs can also function as connectives:

Examples: Additionally, moreover, furthermore, however, nevertheless, consequently, meanwhile, subsequently, therefore, nonetheless, similarly, likewise, hence, thus, indeed, furthermore, alternatively, instead, conversely, firstly, secondly, finally, then, etc.

Notice that conjunctive adverbs can also function as sentence openers.



- Some idioms can function as connectives:

Examples: By the way, in a nutshell, to cut a long story short, on the other hand, by contrast, in contrast.

- Some phrases can function as connectives:

Examples: all in all, in conclusion, to conclude, to sum up, in the meantime, in spite of, due to, as a result, for this reason, as a consequence, for example, such as.

- Some prepositions can function as connectives:

Examples: Despite, because of, since.

A Collective List of Common Connectives and Their Usage

Connectives of Similarity	Connectives to Give Examples	Connectives to Summarise
Like	Like	In conclusion, ...
Likewise	Such as	To conclude, ...
Similarly,	For example, ...	All in all, ...
Both		To sum up, ...
		As a whole, ...
		In a nutshell, ...
		To cut a long story short



A Collective List of Common Connectives and Their Usage

Connectives of Addition	Connectives of Contrast and Negation	Connectives for Cause and Effect
And	But	For
Both...and	Yet	So
Not only...but also	Nor	As
In addition to	Neither...nor	Because
Additionally	Although	Because of
Moreover	Though	Due to
Furthermore	Even though	Since
In the meantime	Whereas	In order to
<p>Notice that 'Both...and, Not only...but also' are used to connect to equally important information.</p>	However	Therefore
	On the other hand	Hence
	Nevertheless	Thus
	Nonetheless	Consequently
	Despite	Subsequently
	In spite of	As a result
	By contrast	As a consequence
	In contrast	For this reason
	conversely	Accordingly
	N.B: 'Nevertheless' and 'nonetheless' have the same meaning as 'however'.	N.B: - 'Hence' and 'Therefore' mean 'for this reason'. - 'Thus' has the same meaning as 'consequently'. - 'Accordingly' can be used in the same way as 'as a result'.



A Collective List of Common Connectives and Their Usage

Connectives of Alternatives (giving options)	Connectives of Sequencing and of Time	Connectives to Set Conditions
Or Either...or Whether...or alternatively	Firstly Secondly Finally Then To begin with First of all Afterwards Gradually After Before As soon as By the time Just as When While At the same time Meanwhile	If Unless Until Or else Or



How Connectives Questions Appear in the Exam (Reading)

Connectives questions usually appear under the category of how to structure a text.

1. The writer uses *however* in line ... to introduce a contrast between the third and fourth paragraph. Explain what this contrast is. (Stage 7, Progression 2023, paper 2).
2. How does the writer connect two equally important pieces of information in the sentence? (Stage 8, Progression 2023, paper 1).
3. The word *Though* links two ideas. What is the link? (Stage 9, Progression 2022, paper 1).
4. The writer uses *But* to contrast two ideas. What are they? (Stage 9, Progression 2022, paper 2).
5. In the second sentence, the words, *To attract the bees..!* link the first and second sentences. What kind of connective is this? Tick one box (Stage 9, Progression 2020, paper 1).

How Connectives Can be used to Enhance your Writing

Connectives are used to make your writing coherent and logical. They guarantee the smooth flow and transition between sentences and paragraphs.

Tips to vary your connectives:

1. Avoid using the same connective in the paragraph; you have variety of connectives that serve the same purpose.

Usual student's paragraph: There has been a growing awareness of the importance of eating healthy food, and studies have highlighted the positive impact of a balanced diet on overall well-being, and it is evident that adopting healthier eating habits can contribute significantly to long-term health and vitality. So, the government health agencies worldwide exert great efforts to encourage more consumption of fruit and vegetable. Unhealthy food companies try to hinder the health agencies efforts, but this adds nothing but more determination from the side of the health agencies to change the wrong diet habits people usually follow.

Enhanced Paragraph: In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the importance of eating healthy food; additionally, studies have highlighted the positive impact of a balanced diet on overall well-being. Furthermore, it is evident that adopting healthier eating habits can contribute significantly to long-term health and vitality. In consequence, the government health agencies worldwide exert great efforts in order to encourage more consumption of fruit and vegetable. Despite the trials of unhealthy food companies to hinder the health agencies efforts, the health agencies are not only striving to achieve their target but are also determined to change the diet habits people usually follow.



2. Use connectives to sequence the events and link them in your fiction writing.

Usual student's paragraph: Juli approached the door and heard some strange sounds. She had some fears. She was supposed to be alone in the house. She decided to open the door. she was curious to know what was going on, but her fear was growing, but her curiosity was more.

Enhanced Paragraph: While Juli was approaching the door, she heard some strange sounds. She had some fears as she was supposed to be alone in the house. In spite of her fear, she decided to open the door since she was curious to know what was going on; however, her fear was growing.

But her curiosity was more.

(The enhanced paragraph focuses only on varying the connectives; however, other language techniques can be used to enhance the paragraph).

3. Use connectives to link your paragraphs: linking your paragraphs by connectives keeps the reader focused and helps him follow the ideas you present them.

Usual student's paragraphs:

There's a growing interest in eco-friendly energy solutions. Solar power stands out as a key player in this movement. The technology behind solar panels has become more efficient and affordable, making it a viable option for many.

Solar power brings benefits beyond just being green. It creates jobs, boosts the economy, and makes communities more resilient during power disruptions.

The move toward solar energy isn't just about the environment; it's about a greener, more sustainable and prosperous future.

Enhanced Version (with internal connectives too):

Nowadays, there's a growing interest in eco-friendly energy solutions. Solar power stands out as a key player in this movement due to the fact that the technology behind solar panels has become more efficient and affordable, making it a viable option for many.

Furthermore, solar power brings benefits beyond just being green; for example, it creates jobs, boosts the economy, and makes communities more resilient during power disruptions.

Consequently, the move toward solar energy isn't just about the environment; it's about both a greener future and a more sustainable, prosperous one.



Do you want to try?

Try to use connectives to link the sentences of the following paragraph for cohesion and fluency.

The process of making chocolate goes through many steps:

- Harvesting ripe cacao pods from the cacao tree.
- The pods are cracked open to reveal the beans inside.
- The beans are fermented to develop their rich flavor.
- The beans are dried and roasted to bring out the chocolatey aroma.
- The roasted beans are ground into a paste known as chocolate liquor. It contains both cocoa solids and cocoa butter.
- This paste is processed to separate the cocoa solids from the cocoa butter.
- Adding sugar and milk depends on the desired end products.
- The chocolate texture is refined to smooth it.
- The chocolate is tempered, cooled and modeled into bars.

Here's the beginning:

The process of making chocolate begins with harvesting ripe cacao pods from the cacao tree. Once harvested, the pods are cracked open to reveal the beans inside, which are then fermented to develop their rich flavor.

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Non-fiction Writing Unit | Sample Topic

6. Opinion Writing

Opinion writing refers to a form of written expression in which an author presents their personal viewpoint, beliefs, or judgments on a particular topic, issue, or subject matter.

Features and Layout:

- An attention grabbing and straightforward headline that shows the writer's tendency
- A clear and concise thesis statement that presents the writer's opinion on the topic.
- An opening paragraph that grabs the reader's attention, introduces the topic, and provides context for the opinion.
- Several supporting points or arguments that back up the writer's opinion. Each point is usually presented in a separate paragraph.
- Concrete evidence, examples, anecdotes, statistics, or expert opinions that support the writer's points and strengthen the argument.
- Addressing opposing viewpoints or counterarguments, showing an understanding of differing perspectives, and providing a rebuttal.
- Using a first-person perspective to express the writer's own thoughts, emotions, and experiences related to the topic.
- Using transition words and phrases to smoothly connect different ideas and paragraphs, making the writing cohesive.
- Organizing the writing with a clear and logical flow of ideas, ensuring that the argument progresses logically.
- The conclusion summarises the main points, restates the thesis, and provides a closing thought that leaves a lasting impression on the reader.
- Employs a mix of sentence lengths and structures for readability and emphasis.
- Uses precise and impactful language to convey the opinion effectively, avoiding ambiguity or vagueness.
- Uses present tenses.

Headlines Examples

- The Importance of Teaching Emotional Intelligence in Schools
- Why Social Media Companies Need Stricter Regulations
- Why Education Should Focus More on Critical Thinking Skills
- The Need for Better Mental Health Support Systems
- Why Animal Testing Should Be Banned: Ethical Considerations
- The Case Against Nuclear Weapons: Striving for Global Peace
- The Benefits of Implementing Universal Healthcare
- Why I'm Passionate About Supporting Local Farmers' Markets
- The Thrill of Adventure Sports and Outdoor Activities
- Traditional Handwriting Should Not Be Forgotten
- The Healing Power of Music



Example Sentences for the Introduction

- In a world where digital technology dominates every aspect of our lives, I find solace in the simplicity and authenticity of analog photography.
- As someone who has lived in both bustling cities and quiet rural towns, I firmly believe that the charm and community spirit of small-town living far outweigh the hustle and bustle of urban life.
- After years of debate among pet enthusiasts, I stand firmly in the camp that believes cats make superior companions to dogs for a multitude of reasons.
- In an age where screens dictate much of our daily interactions, I have come to cherish the tactile experience and emotional connection that comes with reading books in their traditional print format.
- From the sizzle of onions in a hot pan to the aroma of freshly baked bread, there's a certain magic in cooking from scratch that simply can't be replicated with pre-packaged meals.
- Having spent countless weekends immersed in the tranquility of nature, I am convinced that time spent outdoors is not just leisurely, but essential for our well-being.
- Amidst a culture obsessed with consumption and excess, I've found fulfillment in embracing a minimalist lifestyle, where less truly is more.
- I am of the opinion that universal basic income could alleviate poverty and inequality.
- It's my belief that diversity is not only valuable but essential for a thriving society.
- I'm convinced that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time.
- In my eyes, empathy and compassion are qualities that should be cultivated and celebrated.
- In my experience, travel broadens the mind and fosters understanding between cultures.
- It's my firm conviction that everyone should have equal opportunities regardless of their background."
- From what I've seen, volunteering not only benefits others but also brings personal fulfillment.
- I hold the opinion that technology should be used to enhance human connections, not replace them."
- Living in the countryside offers peace, affordability, and relaxation, making it a preferable lifestyle choice over urban living.
- Cats make superior pets due to their independent nature, low maintenance requirements, and ability to form deep bonds with their owners.
- Traditional print books offer a tactile and emotionally enriching reading experience that cannot be replicated by digital formats.
- Cooking from scratch with fresh ingredients fosters creativity, mindfulness, and superior taste and nutrition compared to pre-packaged meals.
- Spending time in nature provides psychological and physiological benefits essential for human well-being and mental health.
- Homemade gifts hold greater sentimental value, demonstrating thoughtfulness, creativity, and personal investment in the recipient



Example Sentences for the Conclusion

- In conclusion, transitioning to renewable energy, promoting access to affordable healthcare, and fostering empathy and compassion are crucial steps towards building a more sustainable, equitable, and compassionate society.
- To sum up, while there may be differing opinions on the role of art, education, and social media in our lives, it's clear that fostering creativity, critical thinking, and inclusivity should be our collective priorities.
- In closing, addressing issues such as gun violence, climate change, and income inequality requires bold and decisive action from policymakers, communities, and individuals alike.
- In summary, while there may be challenges ahead, I remain hopeful that by working together and advocating for positive change, we can build a brighter and more inclusive future for all.
- In conclusion, while there may be differing perspectives on the issues discussed, it's clear that by coming together and advocating for positive change, we can create a brighter and more sustainable future for ourselves and generations to come.

7. Persuasive Writing

Persuasive writing is designed to influence the thoughts, beliefs, or actions of an audience. It appears in many forms; the following ones are among them:

➤ Persuasive Articles

- Engaging headline
- Hooking introduction using a rhetorical question, an anecdote, a famous quote, a surprising fact, a shocking statistic, a riddle, etc.
- A clear thesis statement that shows the side you support.
- Logical structure: Organized with a clear flow of ideas, presenting strongest arguments first.
- Supporting evidence: Backs up claims with credible facts, statistics, examples, or expert opinions.
- Addressing counterarguments: present the opposing views and refute them using evidence and persuasive techniques to strengthen the argument.
- Persuasive techniques are intensively used (Revisit pages 58, 59)
- Written in the first person.
- Uses informal or semi-formal language depending on the audience.
- Written in the present tenses.



Headlines Examples

- **Unlock Your Full Potential: The Power of Personal Development**
- **Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in All Fields**
- **Invest in Your Health: The Importance of Regular Exercise**
- **Bridging the Gap: Building Stronger Communities Through Volunteerism**
- **Tech Innovation for a Better Tomorrow: Embracing Smart Cities**
- **Educate, Empower, Excel: The Impact of Quality Education**
- **Preserving Paradise: A Call to Action for Environmental Conservation**
- **Changing Habits, Changing Lives: The Road to a Smoke-Free Society**
- **Investing in Innovation: The Future of Renewable Energy**
- **Unlocking Creativity: The Importance of Arts Education in Schools**
- **Fuelling the Future: Exploring the Potential of Electric Vehicles**
- **Tech for Good: How Artificial Intelligence Can Drive Social Impact**
- **From Trash to Treasure: The Journey to Zero Waste Living**

Example Sentences for the Introduction

- Have you ever wondered what it takes to unlock your full abilities and live the life you've always dreamed of?
- In a world facing environmental issues, the idea of sustainable living has become a symbol of hope and responsibility.
- As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, there is a pressing need to break down barriers and empower women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- The key to a healthier, happier life may be closer than you think – it lies in the simple act of incorporating regular exercise into your daily routine.
- Communities thrive when individuals come together with a shared purpose. Discover the transformative power of volunteerism and its potential to build stronger, more connected neighbourhoods.
- The future is here, and it's smart.
- Climate change knows no borders. It's crucial for us to join forces and address the urgent challenges of our changing climate through global co-operation.
- Education is more than just a gateway to knowledge – it's the cornerstone of progress, prosperity, and societal advancement. Join us on a journey to understand the profound impact of quality education.
- In an age dominated by screens and constant connectivity, the call for a digital detox has never been more relevant.



Examples for Introductions Using Anecdotes

- A Topic about environment-friendly houses: "In the heart of the city, I once met a family that transformed their urban apartment into a green oasis. Their story not only inspired me but also highlighted the profound impact sustainable living can have on our daily lives."
- A Topic about the importance of exercising: "Last year, I traded my desk chair for a pair of running shoes. Little did I know that this simple change would not only boost my physical health but also open my eyes to the transformative power of regular exercise."
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering: "In the aftermath of a natural disaster, I witnessed a community coming together with a spirit of volunteerism that transcended boundaries. It was a defining moment that showed the incredible strength found in unity."
- A Topic about climate change: "Standing on the shores of a melting glacier, I realized that climate change is a global challenge that demands a united response. It's time to set aside differences and work collaboratively to safeguard our planet."
- A Topic about the impact of quality education: "In a small village, I met a child whose eyes lit up with excitement as they held a book for the first time. That moment highlighted the power of quality education and created a passion in me to ensure every child has the same opportunity."
- A Topic about environmental conservation: "As a child, my favourite playground was a lush forest near my home. Today, that forest is dwindling. This personal connection to nature fuels my commitment to environmental conservation."
- A Topic about digital detox: "In a world where screens dominate our waking hours, I recently took a weekend off from technology. The experience was liberating, revealing the hidden joys of life beyond the digital haze and prompting me to ponder the necessity of a collective digital detox."

Examples for Introductions Using Rhetorical Questions

- A Topic about environment-friendly houses: "Can we continue to exploit our planet's resources without consequence? It's time to ask ourselves this fundamental question as we explore the urgent need for sustainable living."
- A Topic about the importance of exercising: Ever wondered why incorporating regular exercise seems like a daunting task? What if the key to a healthier lifestyle is simpler than you think?
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering: Can a strong community be created only through buildings and roads, or is there something deeper at work?
- A Topic about climate change: "Does climate change respect borders? The pressing reality is that it doesn't. So, how can we unite globally to address the challenges of our changing climate?"
- A Topic about Personal Development: "Have you ever felt that there's more to life than your current routine? What if a few simple changes could unlock a path to personal growth you never imagined?"



- A Topic about the impact of quality education: "What if every child had access to quality education?"
- A Topic about environmental conservation: "Are we willing to stand by as our planet's natural beauty fades away? It's time to contemplate our role in environmental conservation and the legacy we leave for future generations."
- A Topic about digital detox: "Ever felt overwhelmed by the constant buzz of technology in your life? What if taking a step back from screens could lead to a more fulfilling and balanced existence?"

Examples for Introductions Using Surprising Facts and Statistics

- A Topic about environment-friendly alternatives: "A staggering fact: a single household can save enough energy in a year to power a small car for thousands of miles by using sustainable living practices."
- A Topic about the importance of exercising: Engaging in just 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week can significantly reduce the risk of chronic diseases.
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering: Surprising but true: communities with a robust volunteer network exhibit lower crime rates. Unearth the unexpected correlation between volunteerism and community safety."
- A Topic about climate change: Climate change-induced disasters displaced over 23 million people last year alone.
- A Topic about Personal Development: "Did you know that dedicating just 15 minutes a day to a specific activity can lead to a significant boost in personal growth?"
- A Topic about the impact of quality education: For every additional year of education, an individual's income potential increases by 10%.
- A Topic about environmental conservation: "It's estimated that by 2050, there could be more plastic in the oceans than fish."
- A Topic about digital detox: "Did you know that the average person spends more than five hours a day on their smartphone?"

Examples for Introductions Using Riddles

- A Topic about environment-friendly alternatives: "I am something we all use daily but often overlook. I can be a force for good or contribute to harm. What am I?"
- A Topic about the importance of exercising: "I am the key to health, happiness, and longevity, yet many neglect me. What am I?"
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering: "I bring people together, create bonds, and strengthen the ties that bind a community. What am I?"
- A Topic about climate change: "I am a challenge that knows no borders, affecting nations far and wide. What am I? Together, let's solve the riddle of climate change and explore the imperative for global collaboration."
- A Topic about the impact of quality education: "I am a treasure that opens doors, transcends boundaries, and empowers minds. What am I? "
- A Topic about environmental conservation: "I am everywhere yet disappearing fast. I am the breath of life for countless species. What am I?"



- A Topic about digital detox: "I connect us all but can also be a source of disconnection. What am I? Join me as we solve the riddle of digital detox and explore the benefits of reclaiming a life beyond screens."

Examples for Introductions Using Surprising Facts and Statistics

- A Topic about environment-friendly alternatives: "A staggering fact: a single household can save enough energy in a year to power a small car for thousands of miles by using sustainable living practices."
- A Topic about the importance of exercising: Engaging in just 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week can significantly reduce the risk of chronic diseases.
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering: Surprising but true: communities with a robust volunteer network exhibit lower crime rates. Unearth the unexpected correlation between volunteerism and community safety."
- A Topic about climate change: climate change-induced disasters displaced over 23 million people last year alone.
- A Topic about Personal Development: "Did you know that dedicating just 15 minutes a day to a specific activity can lead to a significant boost in personal growth?"
- A Topic about the impact of quality education: For every additional year of education, an individual's income potential increases by 10%.
- A Topic about environmental conservation: "it's estimated that by 2050, there could be more plastic in the oceans than fish."
- A Topic about digital detox: "Did you know that the average person spends more than five hours a day on their smartphone?"

Examples for Introducing the Counter Argument

- While some argue [counterargument], a closer examination reveals weaknesses in this perspective, supporting the strength of [main argument].
- Considering the viewpoint that [counterargument], it becomes evident that the evidence supporting [main argument] outweighs the concerns raised by this alternative perspective.
- Contrary to the belief in [main argument], those in favour of [counterargument] may overlook critical factors that, when considered, strengthen the case for [main argument].
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- In the interest of fairness, let's consider the argument that [counterargument]. However, a comprehensive evaluation demonstrates that the strengths of [main argument] far outweigh the concerns raised by [counterargument].
- While acknowledging concerns from supporters of [counterargument], a closer look reveals that these concerns can be effectively addressed, further supporting [main argument].



Call to Action and Imperatives Examples

- A Topic about environment-friendly alternatives:
 - Join the eco-conscious movement! Make a commitment to sustainable living by adopting small changes in your daily habits – from reducing single-use plastics to conserving energy at home.
 - "Contribute to a greener planet. Pledge today to minimize your environmental footprint. Say no to single-use plastics and embrace energy-saving practices."
- Topic about the importance of exercising:
 - Prioritize your health and well-being. Start a regular exercise routine today to enjoy the physical and mental benefits that come with an active lifestyle."
 - Take control of your health. Incorporate at least 30 minutes of exercise into your daily routine. Your body and mind will thank you.
- A Topic about the importance of volunteering:
 - Become a catalyst for positive change. Volunteer your time and skills to strengthen the bonds within your community. Together, we can make a difference."
 - Step up and volunteer. Your time has the power to transform lives and build a stronger, more connected community.
- A Topic about climate change:
 - Join the global movement for climate action. Advocate for sustainable practices, support renewable initiatives, and urge policymakers to prioritize environmental conservation."
 - Imperative: "Act now for our planet. Speak up, support green initiatives, and demand action from leaders. Together, we can combat climate change."
- A Topic about Personal Development:
 - Embark on your journey of self-discovery today. Take the first step towards personal growth by setting aside 15 minutes each day for future plans and goal-setting."
 - Seize the opportunity to transform your life. Dedicate time daily to set the plans for your future.
- A Topic about the impact of quality education:
 - Be an advocate for quality education. Share success stories, support educational programs, and champion equal access to learning opportunities for all."
 - Stand up for education. Support initiatives that ensure quality education for every child. Your advocacy shapes a brighter future.
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 - Stand up for education. Support initiatives that ensure quality education for every child. Your support shapes a brighter future.



- **A Topic about digital detox:**
 - Take control of your screen time. Set limits, establish tech-free zones, and encourage mindful device use. Reclaim your time and mental space."
 - Prioritize your well-being. Establish boundaries with technology. Create tech-free zones at home and embrace moments of genuine connection.

- **General ones:**
 - Take the first step towards...
 - Start with a simple act...
 - Join our mission to...
 - Empower yourself to create positive change.
 - Be the change you want to see by...
 - Make a difference by...
 - Reduce your carbon footprint to...
 - Help provide education to children who...
 - Work together to overcome...
 - Stand up for ...

Example Sentences for the Worst-Case Scenario

- If we don't address climate change urgently, we will witness extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and the displacement of millions of people due to environmental disasters.
- Failure to resolve diplomatic tensions could result in armed conflicts or even war, causing untold human suffering.
- If advanced technologies are not carefully regulated, data breaches will spread widely.
- If nations are not prepared for future pandemics, the rapid spread of a highly contagious and deadly virus will be the hero of the scene.
- Without careful consideration, the worst-case scenario in our increasingly tech-dependent world could involve large-scale system failures and disrupting daily life.
- If educational reforms are not implemented, we may witness a generation with limited access to quality education, leading to cycles of poverty and inequality.

Example Stating Opinion Phrases

- In my opinion, ...
- I believe that ...
- From my perspective, ...
- It seems to me that...
- I feel strongly that...
- I am of the opinion that...
- My view on this is...
- I'm inclined to believe that...
- As far as I'm concerned...
- It's my belief that...
- I have a strong conviction that...
- To my way of thinking...
- I'm of the mind that...

