



Step 9 - Example Essay

When writing in English, using more than one paragraph can make things much easier, and more interesting for your readers. Here is an example to show how it can be done using introductions and conclusions. Prepare some notes, and think about your readers.

Write about your summer vacation. Start by deciding what will be most interesting for your readers, and what they will want to know. If you have **2 main points**, there will be 4 paragraphs as you will need an introduction and conclusion.

Notes

1. Australia - study English Manly host family friends after school
surfing sharks weekends zoo animals barbecue
2. Job - save money Spanish restaurant kitchen hot new dishes taking
orders serving customers after work stories

1. Tell them what you will say

Introduction - **topic** - and then **main point 1 and 2** at the end of the introduction.

2. Tell them about it

Main Body **First paragraph with topic and main point 1** in the first sentence.
Second paragraph topic and main point 2 in the first sentence.

3. Tell them again

Topic and main points 1 and 2 again, and **conclusion** with your final thoughts.

The most logical order is time; what happened first. Here are some ways to start with your paragraphs. It is best to include the time and place. The reader always wants to know this.

On the 15th of August, I went ...

When I came home, I ...

In the first week of August, ...

At the beginning / end of the vacation, ...

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My Summer Holiday

I always look forward to the summer holidays. It is so good to be free and do lots of new things that you can't normally do. The university break is very long, and I had two great experiences. I spent a month in Australia studying English. When I returned to Tokyo, I started a new part-time job in a restaurant.

On the 15th of August, I flew out to Australia to do a homestay and study English. My lovely host family lived in Manly, a suburb of Sydney. Their house was quite near the school so every day I walked there. I made a lot of new friends from all over the world and improved my English. After school, I went swimming, and I tried surfing for the first time. We had to be careful though as there are often sharks in the sea around Manly. On the weekends, my host family took me to interesting local places. We went to the zoo, where I saw some unique Australian animals. We also often had a barbecue. It was really enjoyable.

When I came back home, I started a new job which was hard but fun. I needed to make some money, so I worked part-time at a Spanish restaurant. At first, I worked in the kitchen; it was very hot, but I learned how to make many different dishes from the chef. Later, I worked as a waiter, taking orders and serving food and drinks. I enjoyed it because it was nice to talk to the customers. In the evenings after the restaurant closed, all the staff sat down to eat and drink together. We talked about all sorts of things. I learned a lot from my colleagues and enjoyed listening to their stories.

I had a great summer break and improved my English a lot. It was exciting to start a new job and make new friends. I will continue working there, and I hope I can save enough money to be able to go back to Australia again next year. I think traveling opened my mind to many things, so I would like to visit many more countries in the future.