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## Writing Portfolio Assignments by LSU







# Language Support Unit

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### **Book 2 Unit 6: Information Technology**

## UNIT Read a memo and a blog. Gather information and ideas to write a paragraph describing the steps of a process.

OBJECTIVE



Information Technology



UNIT 6

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#### Do you prefer to get help from a person or a machine?

VOCABULARY > using the dictionary WRITING > describing a process GRAMMAR > infinitives of purpose

READING > identifying the author's purpose

#### A Discuss these questions with your classmates.

 What are some of the advantages of getting help from a machine rather than from a person?

- 2. What are some of the advantages of getting help from a person rather than a machine?
- Look at the photo. What are the men doing?



B Listen to The Q Classroom online. Then answer these questions.

Read a memo and a blog. Gather information and ideas

to write a paragraph describing the steps of a process.

- Which students prefer to get help from people? Which machines do they dislike?
- 2. Which students prefer to get help from machines? Which machines do they like?
- Think of one of the machines that the students mentioned in their discussion. Do you like using that type of machine or technology? Why or why not?



C Go online to watch the video about personal robots. Then check your comprehension.



as opposed to (phr.) in contrast with clunky (adj.) heavy and awkward cutting edge (phr. n.) the most advanced position in a field of study severe (adj.) very bad unthinkable (adj.) impossible to imagine





VIDEO VOCABULARY

## Book 2 Unit 6

Write a paragraph describing a process doneby a person or a machine. Write about 80 to100 words and include the following:

- How many steps does the process require?
- Use time order words.
- Use infinitives of purpose.



### **Book 2 Unit 7: Environmental Studies**



Read the article and the blog post. Gather information and ideas to write an opinion paragraph.

OBJECTIVE

UNIT **NAME** Read the article and the blog post. Gather information

and ideas to write an opinion paragraph.



**Environmental Studies** 

READING identifying fact and opinion

 VOCABULARY
 phrasal verbs

 WRITING
 using sentence variety

 GRAMMAR
 simple past and past continuous



#### Is it better to save what you have or buy new things?

A Discuss these questions with your classmates.

- What are some things that people choose to have repaired when they are broken?
- What is the oldest piece of clothing that you still wear? How old is it? Why do you still have it?
- 3. Look at the photo. Do you buy things when they go on sale?



- Marcus says that old things become outdated. What does he mean?
- Yuna says that buying new things is good for the economy. What does she mean? Do you agree?

Q ONLINE C Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.



## Book 2 Unit 7

Write an **opinion** paragraph about which **is better to save what you have** or **buy new things**. Write **about 80** to **100** words and **include** the following:

- Use some opinion expressions.
- Support your opinion by giving reasons.

### Book 2 Unit 8: Public Health

UNIT OBJECTIVE

Read a Web page and an article. Gather information and ideas to create an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page that begins with an explanatory paragraph about an illness.

READING > synthesizing information VOCABULARY > collocations WRITING > writing an explanatory paragraph GRAMMAR > adverbs of manner and degree



**Public Health** 

How can we prevent diseases?

#### A Discuss these questions with your classmates.

- When was the last time you were sick? How did you feel? How did you get sick?
- 2. What are some things you do to avoid getting sick?
- Look at the photo. Who do you think the people are? What are they doing?

UNIT OBJECTIVE A Read a Web page and an article. Gather information and ideas to create an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page that begins with an explanatory paragraph about an illness

B Listen to The Q Classroom online Then answer these questions.

> What six ways to prevent disease did the speakers mention? Fill in the chart below. Then for each one, check (✓) how often you do it. When you finish, discuss your chart with your classmates.



Ways to prevent diseases							
		Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Neve		
a.	eat right	- []					
b.							
с.							
d.							
e.							
f.							

Do you agree with Sophy and Felix that people should wear face masks or stay home when they are sick? Why or why not?

ONLINE C Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.



## Book 2 Unit 8

Write a paragraph about an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page about an illness. Write about 80 to 100 words and include the following:

- Start with an explanatory paragraph that clearly explains the illness.
- What are the symptoms of the illness?
- How is this illness different from other diseases?
- How can you avoid getting the illness?
- How can we prevent the spread of the illness?





## Book 3 Unit 1

Write a paragraph on how to make a first good impression. Write about 80 to 100 words and include the following:

- What are some things you should do to make a good first impression?
- What are some things you shouldn't do to make a good first impression?
- Use some real conditionals.

### **Book 3 Unit 2: Nutritional Science**

Read the articles and gather information and ideas to UNIT OBJECTIVE write a descriptive paragraph about your favorite dish.

Nutritional Science

READING > previewing a text VOCABULARY > use of context to understand words WRITING b using descriptive adjectives GRAMMAR > use and placement of adjectives

Read the articles and gather information and ideas to UNIT OBJECTIVE write a descriptive paragraph about your favorite dish

UNIT QUESTION

What makes food taste good?

- A Discuss these questions with your classmates.
- 1. What kinds of food do you eat every day?
- 2. What kinds of food do you eat on special occasions?
- 3. Look at the photo. Do you think how food looksits presentation-affects how it tastes? Explain.

B Listen to The Q Classroom online. Then answer these questions.

- 1. Yuna says that homemade food tastes the best. Why does homemade food taste better than prepared food?
- 2. Felix believes foods with too much sugar and fat cause weight problems. In contrast, what kinds of food do you think help people lose weight?

C Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.



## Book 3 Unit 2

Write a **descriptive** paragraph about **your favorite dish**. Write **about 80** to **100** words and **include** the following:

- Is it easy or difficult to make your favorite dish?
- Does this dish have personal or cultural importance to you?
- How does this dish make you feel?
- Who usually makes this dish for you?



## Testing Unit Sample

Write a paragraph **describing** a **plan for a new school**. Write **about 80** to **100** words and **include** the following:

- What will the school be like?
- Who will the students be?
- What will you teach?

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# Possible Questions for the Writing Test by LSU







# Language Support Unit

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# Writing Test Preparation by LSU



## Unit 1: Business

### business- **job** - career - interview success - **finding a job** responsibilities - work - **dream job**

## Topic / Theme:

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# Write a paragraph about **a job you want**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- What is a good job for you?
- What are the duties of this job?
- Why is it a good job for you?





Alternative Task

### Write a paragraph about **the world of work**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- What is a good job today?
- Why do people want to get this job?
- What are the responsibilities of this job?
- Why do people like this job?

## Unit 2: Global Studies

### Topic / Theme:

UNIT OUESTION

ERMINAL 1 ARRIVAL

**Global Studie** 

## **immigration** - immigrants - immigrate - international - **different life**

 READING
 skimming for the main idea

 VOCABULARY
 word roots

 WRITING
 writing compound sentences with but and so

 GRAMMAR
 simple past with regular and irregular verbs

Why do people immigrate

classmates.

a lot of immigrants?

they did in the past?

A Discuss these questions with your

1. Which countries in the world have

2. Look at the photos. Do you think people today immigrate for the same reasons

to other countries?

UNIT COBJECTIVE Read the articles. Gather information and ideas to explain how a place changed because of international immigration or international culture.

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reasons in the box with the students. Do you agree or disagree? Check (✓) your answers in the chart below.

**B** Listen to The Q Classroom online. Match the

a. for educationc. to be with familyb. for job opportunitiesd. for safety

	Reason	Agree	Disagree
Felix	b. for job opportunities		
Yuna			
Sophy			
Marcus			

**C** Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.





Write a paragraph about **a place that changed with immigration**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- Where were people from and where are they from today?
- What food was available and what food is available today?
- What kinds of businesses, shops and markets were there? What kinds are there today?



### Alternative Task

Write a paragraph about **an immigrant story in a famous city**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- Where is he/she from?
- Is his/her life different now?
- Does he/she like his/her life in the new city?

Unit 3: Sociology

### Topic / Theme:

vacation - holiday - traveling abroad vacation days - short/long vacations





Write a paragraph about "How much vacation do you need?" Write 50 to 80 words and include the following:

- Why is vacation important?
- How many vacation days do you need?
- Why do you need that number of vacation days?





Alternative Task

Write a paragraph about vacations. Write 50 to 80 words and include the following:

- Do you to go with your family or with your friends?
- What is your favorite kind of vacation?
- Do you like long vacations or short vacations?



# Unit 4: Physiology

Topic / Theme:

laugh - laughter - funny TV shows comedy - comedian - comical - joke - sense of humor

#### **READING** identifying the topic sentence in a part Read the articles. Gather information and ideas to write UNIT OBJECTIVE VOCABULARY > parts of speech a paragraph about what makes you or someone you WRITING Writing a topic sentence know laugh. GRAMMAR > sentences with when UNIT QUESTION What makes B Listen to The Q Classroom online. Then match the reasons in the box with you laugh? the students. a. funny TV shows e. family c. comedians b. silly thing d. unexpected things A Discuss these questions with your classmates. What makes them laugh? 1. When was the last time you laughed? Why did you laugh? Sophy a. funny TV shows 2. Why is it important to laugh? Yuna 3. Look at this photo. Why are the people laughing? Felix Marcus c. comedians ONLINE C Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.



### Write a paragraph about **what makes you laugh**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- Who are you with when you laugh?
- Where are you when you laugh?
- What are you doing when you laugh?





Alternative Task

Write a paragraph about **laughter**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- Who makes you laugh?
- What do they do to make you laugh?
- What kind of laughter do you have?



# Unit 5: Psychology

### **sports** - play - watch - fan support - **favorite team**

makes you feel.

Read the articles and gather information and ideas to

write a paragraph about a sport you like and how it

READINGidentifying supporting sentences and detailsVOCABULARYthe prefix un-WRITINGwriting supporting sentences and detailsGRAMMARprepositions of location

### How do sports make you feel?

Topic / Theme:

Psychology

A Discuss these questions with your classmates.

1. What sports do you like to play?

2. What sports do you like to watch?

3. Look at the photo. How do you think these people feel? Why?

**B** Listen to *The Q Classroom* online. Then answer these questions.

1. Who plays sports?

UNIT OBJECTIVE

2. Who watches sports?

3. Who does both?

**C** Go online to watch the video about camel races. Then check your comprehension.

race (n.) a competition between people, cars, camels, or horses to see which is fastest
 robot (n.) a machine that can move and do work that a person does
 whip (n.) a long, thin piece of leather used to make animals go faster

D Go to the Online Discussion Board to discuss the Unit Question with your classmates.



Write a paragraph about **your favorite sport and how it makes you feel**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- When and where do you play or watch it?
- Do you have a favorite team or player?
- Where did you learn about it?
- How do you feel when you play or watch it?



Alternative Task

Write a paragraph about **your brother's favorite sport**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

- What is his favorite team?
- Does he go to the stadium or watch the matches on TV?
- Does he know about the history of his favorite sport?
- Who does he watch the matches with?

## Unit 6: Ethics

### Topic / Theme:

## information - market - make decisions - choice - opinion





Write an **opinion** paragraph about **how to make good decisions**. Write **50** to **80** words and **include** the following:

• What is the problem?



- What is your decision?
- What is the best way to make this decision?





Alternative Task

Write a paragraph about how to make good decisions in the supermarket. Write 50 to 80 words and include the following:

- What is the best place to shop?
- Which supermarket do you go to?
- How do you save money in the supermarket?



## All the best

