

English level 4

Unit 4 – Innovation

Lesson 3 – Stating the Argument

Lesson aims

- Writing a thesis statement and an introductory paragraph to an essay
- Understanding the use of sentences and phrases in writing
- Creating an argument
- Organizing ideas for an essay

Lead in

1. Look at these essay questions and thesis statements. Match the essay questions on the left with the thesis statements on the right.
2. What do you think of these essay questions and the thesis statements? Share your ideas with your partner.

ESSAY QUESTION	THESIS STATEMENT
1 Should the government regulate artificial intelligence to ensure ethics and public safety?	A) It is true that technological innovation can temporarily disrupt the job market, but in the end it benefits human employment because it creates new industries and opens opportunities for higher-skilled work.
2 Is technological innovation more beneficial or harmful to human employment in the long run?	B) Schools should prioritize teaching students how to use modern technology over traditional subjects like handwriting or arithmetic because digital literacy is essential for success in today's world and better prepares students for the demands of the future labor market.
3 Should schools prioritize teaching students how to use modern technology over traditional subjects like handwriting or arithmetic?	C) Artificial intelligence should definitely be more strictly regulated by governments to ensure ethical use and public safety because unregulated AI development can lead to destructive effects such as people losing jobs, and abuse in areas like spying and warfare.

Structure and Writing: Sentences and Phrases

1. Consider the examples below. Are they sentences or phrases? Mark the appropriate box.

Language Note:

A **sentence** has a subject that is or does something (a predicate) and ends in a period/full stop.

A **phrase** is just a collection of words

	SENTENCE	PHRASE
1 AI is revolutionizing the way we interact with information.		
2 If we stopped innovating, human civilization would stagnate.		
3 A mini computer in your pocket		
4 If workers had more free time		
5 better mental health		
6 An important benefit would be improved productivity.		

Reading

1. Read the essay below.
2. Place the missing parts into the text. Write the number in the spaces (A-E)
3. Then, identify the missing parts as:

Hook, thesis statement, topic sentence, supporting point, restating thesis

1 Another important concern is the erosion of critical thinking skills.
2 Is this the first step into the world of the Terminator? Are machines taking over our learning?
3 Students may use AI to generate essays or complete assignments without dealing with the material.
4 While AI can assist students in organizing thoughts or checking grammar, its misuse poses serious risks.
5 While AI offers useful support in academic settings, its dangers are significant

Essay Question: What are the dangers of using AI in the academic context?

A_____ The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) in education has introduced both opportunities and challenges. B_____ I will present the biggest risks from my point of view..

The first big danger is the potential for academic dishonesty. C_____ This undermines the learning process and can harm academic integrity and ability. For instance, a student who always uses AI to generate essays is not learning how to write.

D_____. When students rely on AI to answer questions or solve problems, they may avoid the mental effort required to understand complex ideas. This overuse of AI can hurt intellectual growth and leave students unprepared for real-world situations where AI tools may not be available or appropriate. Education should cultivate independent thinkers, not passive users of technology. What would happen if everyone became dependent on AI technology for tasks requiring critical thinking?

In conclusion, E_____. Overuse or misuse can lead to dishonesty and weak critical thinking. Educators and students must both be cautious, using AI as a supplement rather than a substitute for genuine learning and intellectual effort. It would be a tragedy if AI contributed to the destruction of academic achievement.

Final Lesson Task

Transform these notes for an introductory paragraph into a written paragraph. Then, compare with a partner.

Essay Question:

How could a robot make a suitable companion for an elderly person living alone?

Brainstorming Ideas for Intro Paragraph:

Hook: elderly people have many challenges and can be alone

Background: advances in AI and robotics—help with physical tasks and emotional support

Thesis: Robot—daily assistance, safety, social interaction

Introductory Paragraph:

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Exit Ticket

Can you do these things?

☐	I can write a thesis statement and an introductory paragraph
☐	I can understand the use of sentences and phrases in writing
☐	I can create an argument
☐	I can organize ideas for an essay

My Top 5 Words from this lesson:

Homework: Self-study

[90 minutes per week]

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