

ESL 5
Spring 2018

Writing Assignment #1

Your first assignment is to write a paragraph on the topic below:

Why Students Fail in College

This assignment must include all of the steps below.

Step ONE: Brainstorm ideas. You can choose any of the four methods for gathering ideas (freewriting, clustering, listing Wh- questions).

Step TWO: Prepare an outline organizing those ideas. A blank form will be provided for you.

Step THREE: Write the rough draft. The rough draft can be typed or hand written. Double space so that you will have room to make corrections and changes.

Step FOUR: Revise and edit your rough draft. The revisions and grammar corrections must be done by hand. To get full credit, I need to see your work and the work needs to be adequate. A couple corrections IS NOT adequate.

Step FIVE: Type your final draft. Make sure that you double space. Your paragraph has to be MORE THAN 200 words long and in MLA format.

The final draft must be turned in with your brainstorming, outline, and rough draft showing revisions and corrections. You should have four sheets of paper. Put the final draft on top and staple all the pages together. Unstapled pages will not be accepted.

CREATING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Assignment: Create an advertisement for studying ESL at Cerritos College. Use the following phrases with gerunds and infinitives in your ad.

Noun + of + Gerund

-benefit of
-cost of
-advantage of
-habit of
-importance of

Gerunds as objects of Prepositions

-worried about
-complain about
-responsible for
-dream of
-interested in

Verbs + Infinitives

-want
-hope
-tend

Verbs + Objects + Infinitives

-advise/urge
-prepare
-tell

Infinitives after Adjectives **Nouns + Infinitives**

-afraid
-ready

-time
-chance

Guidelines:

1. Your advertisement should include questions to capture the audience's attention. Think about the potential students who will hear your advertisement. Who is your audience?
2. Your advertisement should appeal to the audience's needs. Talk about the services, classes, teachers, and anything else that Cerritos College offers that would sound appealing to prospective students who are studying English as another language.
3. Choose one person to write the advertisement. The other two group members will be in charge of contributing ideas and watching the time. Decide who will present the advertisement to the class.