Lesson 7: You Will Learn About the Writing Process

Purpose of Lesson 7: You will learn about the writing process.

Skills: Reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing.

Words to Learn:

draft - the first piece of writing of a paragraph/essay: Olivia is ready to write her first draft.

edit - to make corrections on the paragraph/essay for the final writing: Nicholas will help edit Olivia’s draft.

essay - a formal piece of writing: Ms. Shine’s class is learning how to write an essay.

formal writing - writing that is done for school or business purposes: Formal writing has to follow the rules of good writing.

informal writing - writing that is used for journals, notes, email and texting: Informal writing follows the style of spoken conversation.

prewrite - a plan to help the writer gather, develop and organize information for the first draft: Ms. Shine has to teach how to prewrite before the class starts an essay.

revise - changes and corrections made to improve your paragraph development and organization: You might revise an essay several times before it meets your requirements.

writing process - a plan to help the writer prepare a paragraph/essay: Good writing habits develop when you learn and use the writing process.
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Directions: Read the conversation between Ms. Shine and Dora and answer the questions that follow.

1. Hello, Dora. Today we are going to learn about the writing process.

2. I heard writing essays is very difficult. I am comfortable with journals and their informal way of writing, but essays might be a problem.

3. It is not as difficult as you think. Remember how you liked writing for your family reunion? Writing essays can be enjoyable, too.

4. I hope so. What is the writing process?

5. The writing process has four steps. Knowing these steps and using them makes writing much easier.

6. What are they?
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They are:
Step 1 – **prewriting**,  
Step 2 – write a **draft**,  
Step 3 – **revise** draft,  
Step 4 – **edit** and Write the final draft.

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Writing seems easier when we have steps to follow. It’s like following a recipe. You can cook well if you follow all the steps. Unfortunately, I’m still nervous.

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Don’t worry, we’ll take it one step at a time. We’ll begin with prewriting. It helps you **start** your essay and organize it.

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One step at a time sounds good to me!

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In the next four lessons, you will learn how to prewrite and then do some practice exercises. Your formal writing lessons have begun!