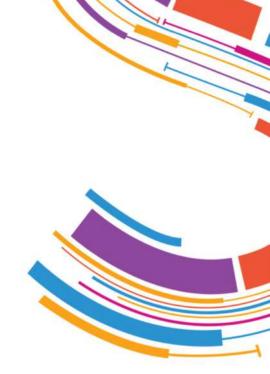


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Writing – Overall Takeaway

- Up to 80% premade thus can guarantee 5**
- Content = framework + brainstorming
- Language = diversity + ability
- Organization = linkages + clarity
- Basic techniques include 1) SP 2) Framework 3) Formula

4) HF Expressions 5) TRAA 6) PMC etc.







Many parents in Hong Kong are sending their children to other countries to complete their schooling. Write an article for your school magazine examining two reasons for this phenomenon. You should also discuss the impact of this on local schools and on children who leave to study overseas.

Get Out

You no longer have to struggle if you need to break the silence of a crowd – go ahead and bring up the topic of 'whether to study abroad' and everyone will start chipping in their opinions. Since many parents in Hong Kong are sending their children to other countries to complete their schooling, this trend has become increasingly noticeable. While there has yet to be consensus on the merits of studying abroad, there are ample reasons why people are following this trend. Indeed, the impact of this trend has undoubtedly been felt by numerous local schools and children. If you would like to scrutinize and learn more about this prevalent phenomenon, read on!

Expo Start Formula #1

Worry no more if you are in need of a conversation starter – start a discussion about _____ and everyone will start chipping in their opinions.

Expo Starter Formula #2

The recent debate about is not unlike a stone's impact on a serene lake – the ripples are spreading wide and far while appearing to be unstoppable. So far, there is yet to be a unanimous consensus on whether...





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Firstly, an easy explanation for this increasingly common phenomenon is that the schooling systems in other countries are less stressful. It is indisputable that the university-entrance exams in some countries, such as the UK and Australia, are not only less convoluted but they are also more enjoyable. By choosing the easiest path, students could apply advanced knowledge they already acquired in Hong Kong and consequently achieve stellar results. For proof of this, we do not have to look far before we have a prime example: according to most experts in the field of education, the UK public exam is at least 30% easier than the DSE system because the syllabus is much more limited. In a recent study conducted by HKU, it was found that even average DSE students could excel in the UK exam. From the above example, we can conclude confidently that my point does indeed hold water. Thus, it is understandable that parents want their children to go to school elsewhere because of lower pressure.

Conviction Vocab

- It is understandable why _____
- It is easy to see why _____
- It is easy to comprehend why _____
- Given that (your original point), it is understandable why
- Since (your original point), it is understandable why







Additionally, increased international exposure is another motivating factor in Hong Kong parents' consideration to send their children abroad. As globalization gains momentum, the workspace is becoming more dynamic and <u>culturally diverse</u>. It would be preposterous to pretend that one can possibly land a high-paying job without the ability to blend well into <u>an international workforce</u>. Studying abroad <mark>can not only</mark> toughen up a student, <mark>but also</mark> prepare her for a <u>future career</u> in a cosmopolitan city. After all, what better way to level up one's international experiences than to receive education in other countries? COMP

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If you want to _____, nothing is better than Verb (ing)

E.g. If you want to improve students' grades, nothing is better than increasing the resources available to schools.

E.g. If you want to boost Hong Kong's international competitiveness, nothing is better than upgrading our universities.

E.g. If you want to level up your international experiences, nothing is better than receiving education in other countries.







With the current trend going strong, different parties have been touched by its far far-reaching tentacles. Local schools, both high schools and universities, have suddenly found themselves competing with top-notch international academies for talents. Top students are lured overseas by the prospect of being instructed by acclaimed professors in prestigious institutions. Some of Hong Kong's education establishments, lacking resources, may find themselves in an uphill battle against these education titans in other countries. Discouraging as it may sound, the escalating pressure facing these schools might be a blessing in disguise for the city, as there would likely be an increase in the overall education quality.

ET (even though) SP → Emphasis

- ADJ as it is, _____
- ADJ as it may seem, _____
- ADJ as it may sound, _____

E.g. Smart as these students are, they still have to put in plenty of hard-work to excel in DSE.

E.g. Unfortunate as it may seem, the DSE system does not underline the importance of critical thinking.

E.g. Romantic as an expensive wedding may sound, it can easily dry up a couple's savings.

E.g. Delicious as they are, Tien Ren Milk Teas are rather unhealthy.





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As for students who would be studying abroad, whether they would benefit from the arrangement is an unknown. Theoretically, studying abroad should be a rewarding experience – yet there could always be exceptions, where some may find the overseas experience to be a virulently daunting one. Socially awkward students, being left alone in a new environment, might find themselves a step too far away from their comfort zones. Such highly unpleasant experiences could turn them into withdrawn and depressed individuals. Of course, it is likely that a lot of students would savor the experience and make the most out of it. Perhaps, there is no telling what a student would walk away with from an education in another country – it all depends on her character and attitude.

There is no denying that the trend we are observing is most likely here to stay. Instead of trying to disparage it or make it go away, it is perhaps more meaningful to study the reasons behind and improve our local education system. If the local system is all that fabulous, why are there more and more parents sending their children away?

Expo TR: What is 'neutral'?

- Caused / led to
- provoked / triggered / contributed to
- fueled / propelled / has given fuel to the trend
- one of the underlying factors behind this trend would be that







Writing Core Skills

JOT DOWN THE KEY POINTS

Many people in Hong Kong are having 'staycations' since COVID-19 became a widespread pandemic – staycations are usually defined as a vacation spent at a hotel in a person's hometown. Write an article for your school magazine examining two reasons for this phenomenon. You should also discuss the impact of this on the Hong Kong hotel industry.

Weekly ssignment





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[DSE 2013 B5]

Recently you have heard several people making complaints which you thought were unreasonable. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Post about this. In your letter, describe the situation which some people complained about, outline the point of view of the complainants, and indicate why you think those people are unreasonable.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my outlook about [the increasing trend for people to make unreasonable complaints], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [those who make unreasonable complaints] is seemingly on everyone's mind and there are some who believe that [they are entitled to complain no matter they have grounds or not.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. I had recently witnessed multiple cases in which some people made utterly ridiculous complaints. It is my firm belief that under no circumstance should we vent our anger in senseless complaints, and I hope to raise the awareness by sharing what I had seen recently.

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[DSE 2014 B4]

Some people believe that filming movies in the city centre should not be allowed. Others support it. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong Daily giving your opinions. Provide three reasons to support your point of view.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my two cents about [the issues and controversies related to moviefilming activities in busy city centres], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [the pros and cons revolving around such activities] is seemingly on everyone's mind and there are some who believe that [this should not be allowed because it is creating plenty of disturbances that could affect many stakeholders, especially when this happens in crowded cities.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. It is my firm belief that under no circumstance should we ban people from filming movies in metropolitan cities – I will endeavor to explain why the benefits largely outweigh the downsides in the following.

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[DSE 2017 B9]

It has been recently claimed that in the workplace many Hong Kong fresh university graduates are less hardworking and less willing to face challenges compared to those in the past. You strongly disagree with this opinion. Write a letter to the editor of the Hong Kong daily disagreeing with this opinion. Support your view with three reasons and/or examples.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to share my two cents about [the alleged reluctance of HK fresh university grads to work diligently], a topic that I have come across in an article of your newspaper. The discourse about [these allegedly lazy young adults] is seemingly on everyone's mind and there are some who believe that [they are a huge disappointment when compared to those in the past.] While this may resonate with some, I believe it comes nowhere near the truth. Only if we consider society's changing circumstances could we form a fair conclusion – I will endeavor to explain why fresh grads nowadays are anything but inferior to those before with a few compelling reasons.

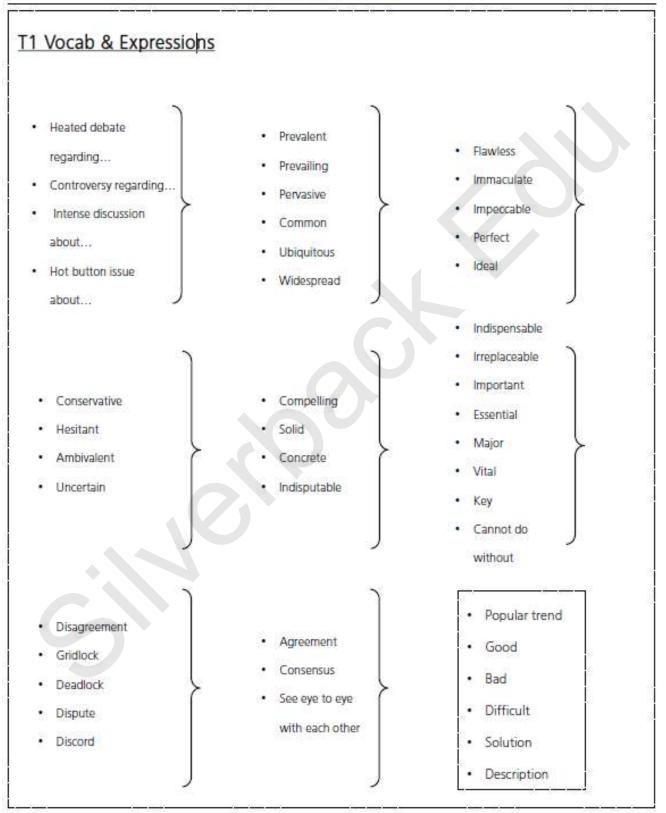
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