

1. Expository / Argumentative / Problem & Solution / Serious topics

Example formula (1st half)

- For proof of this, we need to look no further than the prime example in front of us: [XXX]
- To confirm our point, we do not have to venture far before we have solid proof: [For example, XXX]
- If we were to look beyond the theories, we will discover numerous pieces of solid evidence that support my point: [For example, XXX]
- To prove our point, we use a concrete example in real-life as a piece of evidence: [For example, XXX]

Example formula (2nd half)

- The above example reflects with a high level of certainty that [my point is correct]
- From the above example, we can conclude confidently that [my point is correct] and that our point does hold water.
- After reviewing the above example, it should take no further probing before we can confirm that [my point is correct]

Example framework (content)

- Format: General example / Report / Survey / Poll / Interview / Research / Interview / Documentary / Real facts
- Details to be included: Name of institution / Name of expert / Stat / Interviewees

2. Descriptive / Blog / Speech / Casual topics

Example formula (1st half)

- Are you curious if this is indeed the truth or merely a theory? Let me share with you a tangible example: XXX
- If you find yourself scratching your head about what I mentioned, let me show you a good example: XXX
- Since it could be difficult to comprehend my point, allow me to so as to help you form a mental picture: XXX

HF Sentence Patterns:

1. **EE**

E.g. This trend has been undermining us in various areas such as our economy and citizens' lifestyle – many experts have pointed out that the impacts will affect us for many years.

2. **Inversion**

E.g. Hardly is this a healthy trend because it will harm our economy.

3. **Inverted Description**

E.g. Challenging and hard to fix, this trend may continue to harm us if we do not try our best to control it.

4. **DQ / TQ**

E.g. The economy is a large part of our life, right? Isn't it the government's job to improve our economy?

5. **Q&A**

E.g. You may ask yourself this question: why isn't the government fixing our economy? The answer is simple: the officials are not competent.

6. **COMP**

E.g. [Compared to / In contrast to] the Singapore economy, our economy here in Hong Kong is recovering slowly.

7. **NOBA**

E.g. The economy is not only poor but it is also showing no sign of recovery.

8. **Parallelism**

E.g. The economy is slowing down rapidly; the economy is not recovering any time soon; the economy is simply behind that of our competitors. At this point, we need to ask ourselves one question: is the government doing anything to change this?

9. **SVO, [which means that / which shows us that / which illustrates clearly that]**

E.g. Our local economy has not shown any improvements so far, which means that citizens are unable to enjoy any upgrades in their quality of life.

HF Topic Sentence

The concept of topic sentences

Hardly can anyone deny that XXX

E.g. Firstly, hardly can anyone deny that the economy is poor because of the negative impacts of COVID.

We must not overlook or dismiss the fact that

E.g. Secondly, we must not overlook or dismiss the fact that the economy is suffering because of the lack of useful solutions.

No one can dispute or refute that XXX

E.g. Thirdly, no one can dispute or refute that the economy is still lagging behind because the government has not done anything practical.

There are numerous reasons XXX and one of the most prominent reasons would be that XXX

E.g. There are numerous reasons why the economy is down and one of the most prominent reasons would be that there are many other cities competing against Hong Kong.

While there are many forces at play, it is easy to see that XXX is one of the major reasons XXX

E.g. While there are many forces at play, it is easy to see that the lack of funding is one of the major reasons why the economy is in such poor conditions.