



Writing a Paragraph

GIVING SUGGESTIONS





Vocabulary



(Unit 5: Phobias, Northstar 1)

1. Review: Unscrambling the words

Experts say that anyone can have a (pahibo) _____ 1. A (nlmrao) _____ 2. person like you or me can have a fear. Even a famous person like Jackie Chan can have a fear.

Jackie Chan is a movie star from Hong Kong. In his movies, Jackie does dangerous things. For example, he may fall from a tall building. In real life, Jackie Chan is (arfdia) _____ 3. of something. He has a fear of (nedesle) _____ 4.

Many people have this fear. These people (aswte) _____ 5. when they see a needle. They (pnica) _____ 6. at the doctor's office. They (viaod) _____ 7. doctors. It is difficult for them to feel (raelxde) _____ 8. They think that needles are (ugdsgtsini) _____ 9.

If you think you have a phobia, talk about your (frae) _____ 10. with friends or family. Don't feel (erambrssade) _____ 11. You are not alone.





ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

We can use some adjectives alone or with specific prepositions. These prepositions connect the adjectives to other words in the sentence.

Examples

I saw the spider, and I was **afraid**.

I am **afraid of** spiders.

NOT: *I am afraid about spiders.*

I felt **embarrassed** when my family laughed.

I am **embarrassed about** my phobia.

NOT: *I am embarrassed of my phobia.*

Study the list of adjective + preposition combinations.

afraid of	happy about	nervous about	scared of
embarrassed about	interested in	relaxed about	

2. Expand:

Read the sentences. Circle the correct preposition.

1. Jackie Chan is afraid (*of / about*) needles.
2. I'm happy (*of / about*) your advice.
3. I am interested (*about / in*) phobias.
4. Ann never feels relaxed (*of / about*) spiders.
5. A person with acrophobia feels nervous (*of / about*) high places.
6. Ali is scared (*of / in*) public speaking.
7. You shouldn't be embarrassed (*about / of*) your fear.
8. Some people are afraid (*of / in*) dogs.





3. Create



Write five sentences that are true for you. Use five adjectives from the box and the correct prepositions.

afraid embarrassed happy interested nervous relaxed scared

Example

I am interested in reading books.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Grammar

MODAL VERBS

(Read the attached word file)



Writing strategy

A PARAGRAPH GIVING SUGGESTIONS

OUTLINE

1. Topic sentence:

- ⌘ Introduce the topic
- ⌘ Controlling idea: state the problem (Show that you understand the problem and want to give suggestions)

2. Supporting sentences: (present suggestions)

- ⌘ Suggestion 1 + Supporting details (What/ why/...)
- ⌘ Suggestion 2 + Supporting details (What/ Why/...)

3. Concluding sentence:

- ⌘ summarise your suggestions
- ⌘ express your willingness to help or give a final comment.



Useful Languages



1. To introduce suggestions

- to begin with/ Firstly, it is important/ vital/ essential to + V
- Secondly, it is advisable/ recommended that S + V
- Another suggestion is to + V
- You should/ can/ may + V
- Lastly, it is a good idea to + V

2. To introduce results

- Therefore/ Consequently, ...
- As a result, ...
- In this way, ...
- By doing this, ...

3. To conclude

- All in all,
- To sum up, ...
- In conclusion, ...
- In a word, ...

Final Writing Task

Read the two blog posts from persons who want help. Then choose one person you want to write a paragraph giving suggestions to.



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Moving to London
Posted by Brian
Date: November 24, 2013

I went to a job interview in London last week. I got the job! The company seems very good, and the work will be fun. Also, the people at the company are very nice. But the job is in London. That's so far away! I have always lived here in Charlotte, NC. My friends and family are here. I don't know anyone in London. I'm afraid of leaving my home and living in a new city. I need advice. Can you help?

-*Brian*, Charlotte, NC, USA

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I work for a great company. I give personal attention to customers. I like speaking to one customer at a time, and customers like me. Last week, my boss offered me a better job at the company. I will make more money, and I will teach employees about giving personal attention. But I will have to speak to large groups of employees. I'm afraid of public speaking! I always panic and sweat. What can I do?

-*Donna*, Perth, Australia

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