

# Glossary

**Brainstorm:** making a list of all of your ideas about a topic and then finding patterns of organization and the ideas you want to develop

**Concluding sentence:** the final idea in a paragraph that effectively ends the discussion

**Organization:** focuses, limits, or controls the topic to make it more specific (ex. sandwiches > the best type of sandwich)

**Drafted writing:** the focus is on the process of writing, meaning that the writer will make many different versions of the writing in order to improve it

**Organization:** a group of paragraphs connected to the same topic and organized to present a big idea by presenting it in detail

**Evaluate:** to look at something and decide if it is good or if it needs to change

**Feedback:** ideas someone gives for how to improve your writing after they finish reading it

**Formatting:** how you organize the words on the page, there are specific rules for formatting an essay in English (indentations, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, etc)

**Hook:** the first sentence in an essay that is used to make the reader interested and continue to read

**Outline:** the basic organization of the main idea and most important details and where they will be in the essay, this helps you to keep control of your essay

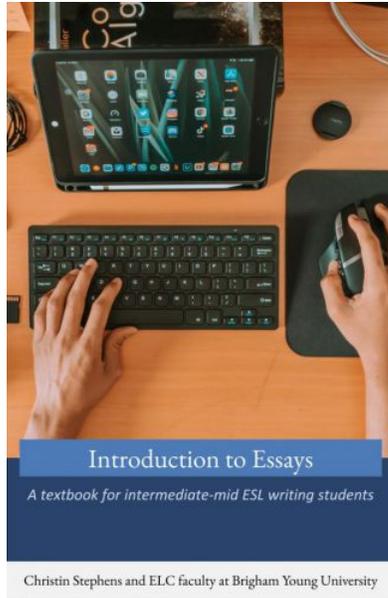
**Paragraph:** a group of sentences that are all connected by one topic and organized clearly, typically includes a topic sentence, supporting sentence, and concluding sentence

**Restate:** to say the same idea in a different way

**Supporting sentence:** follow the topic sentence and give reasons, examples, and explanations that explain it in more detail

**Timed writing:** the focus is on the what a writer can create with a time limit and without access to additional help

**Topic sentence:** the main idea for a paragraph, often the first sentence



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