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Writing Tutor Syllabus – Book 2

Book	Unit	Topic	Writing Form	Writing Focus (Grammar)
2A	1	The Happiest Moment		• Past Tense
	2	Legends Around the World		• Past Tense
	3	Extraordinary Phenomena		• Quantity and Degree Words (EX. <i>all of, almost all of, most of, some of</i>)
	4	Great Inventions		• Modal Verbs (EX. <i>can, could, is/was able to</i>)
	5	Two Kinds of Sports	• Comparison Paragraph	• Comparatives (EX. <i>-er, more, the same as, similar to, different from</i>)
	6	Special Events and Special People		• Superlatives (EX. <i>-est, most, one of the + superlative</i>)
2B	1	Activities in Summer vs. Activities in Winter	• Comparison Paragraph	• Gerund as Subject and Object
	2	At Play		• Gerunds
	3	My Ideal Life	• Persuasive Paragraph	• Gerunds and Infinitives
	4	How to Be a Good Student		• Relative Clauses with <i>Who, Which, or That</i>
	5	Staying Healthy		• Noun Clauses Beginning with <i>Wh-</i> Words
	6	Why Kids Need Money		• Adverb Clauses with <i>Although</i> and <i>Even Though</i>

Scope & Sequence (Paragraph Writing)

Title of the Paragraph (Writing Tutor)	Title of the Paragraph (e-Tutor)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Visit to Wonderland Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My New Friend • Surprise in the Closet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulysses and the Sirens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Night the Fire Froze • My Mother Was a Bear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Drew and the UFO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasquatch: Bigfoot • The Ghost in the House
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Nobel's Dynamite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Marcus Thompson and the American Roller Coaster • Earle Dickenson and the Marvelous Band-Aid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racquetball and Squash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBA Basketball vs. International Basketball • Two Kinds of Skiing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming of Age Day in Japan and Israel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Christmas Is Different • Celebration of Independence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdwatching in Summer and Winter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biking: Winter and Summer • Hiking in Winter and Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Activities: Long Ago and Today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amusement Parks: Long Ago and Today • Dancing: Long Ago and Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing in the Country vs. Playing in the City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Abroad • Life in the City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Study Is Good for Kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Your Homework • Schools Need New Lunch Menus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Need to Reduce Sugar in Our Diet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay Healthy: Get Some Fresh Air • Stay Healthy Through Exercise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Need a Regular Allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Need Money to Play • Money Teaches Kids Responsibility

Unit 1

Activities in Summer vs. Activities in Winter

Title: **Birdwatching in Summer and Winter**

Writing Form: Comparison Paragraphs

Paragraphs

Warm-Up

A Talk about the pictures with your classmates.



- What are the people doing in the pictures?
- What is one difference between the pictures? Explain.
- Which season do you think is best for fishing? Why?

B Write your own title and topic sentence.

Title: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraphs

✓ Fill in the blanks with the correct signal word or phrase from the box.

as well as alike in contrast similar to while ~~on the contrary~~

Contrast		Compare	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different from • in contrast • although • more than • less than • unlike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the other hand • ① <u>on the contrary</u> • as opposed to • but not • ② _____ • however 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same as • ③ _____ • also • too • likewise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ④ _____ • compared with • as well as • similarly

He is a good teacher ⑤ _____ a fine musician.

She looked confident before the contest. ⑥ _____, I was nervous.

Key Words and Expressions

A Complete the meaning of the word or phrase.

climate string tools rod drink food final

1. equipment: _____ tools _____
2. fishing pole: a long, thin _____ that is used to catch fish
3. fishing line: a long _____ that is used to catch fish
4. last: _____
5. bait: _____ that you put on a hook to catch fish
6. weather: _____
7. thirsty: a need to _____

B Complete the sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box.

fishhook
proper

first-aid kit
relax

protection
preparation

1. Both types of fishing need a fishing pole, a fishing line, a fishhook, and some bait.
2. They fish for fun, to _____, and, of course, to catch fish to eat.
3. _____ for hiking in the winter is much the same as in the summer.
4. The next thing you need is _____ clothes.
5. In the winter, you need _____ from the cold.
6. The last thing you need is a _____ in case you get hurt.

Writing Form: Comparison Paragraphs

✓ Read the paragraph and complete the chart.

Fishing: Winter and Summer

Introduction

Summer fishing is similar to winter fishing in a few ways. First, the places for both types of fishing are the same. People like fishing in rivers, lakes, and the sea. Next, they are similar in the type of equipment that is needed. Both types of fishing need a fishing pole, a fishing line, a fishhook, and some bait. The last way they are similar is the reason people fish. Winter fishermen and summer fishermen fish for the same reasons. They fish for fun, to relax, and, of course, to catch fish to eat. People enjoy fishing in the summer or winter. The weather may be different, but the two types of fishing are very similar.

Body

Conclusion

1. What is the title?

Fishing: Winter and Summer

2. What is the topic sentence?

3. What are the similarities?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. What is the difference?

Grammar Practice 1

Verb-ing as a Noun

- The *-ing* form of a verb can be used as a noun.
- Like nouns, the *-ing* form of a verb can be **the subject of a sentence**.

Example: **Eating** together **makes** us happy.

subject

verb

- Make sure that you put the *-ing* in the right way.

Examples: get – getting, make – making, cry – crying, lie – lying

A Write the correct verb form.

1. Watching (watch) too much TV is bad for your health.
2. I like _____ (lie) on the beach when I'm on holiday.
3. I don't mind _____ (change) our plans for tonight.
4. Does he enjoy _____ (drive)?
5. _____ (ski) is one of John's favorite sports.

B Complete the sentence about yourself or people you know with the expressions in the box. You can use your own expressions, too.

brushing your teeth playing video games reading books
talking behind someone's back ~~riding a bike~~

1. Riding a bike is my favorite hobby.
2. _____ is rude. You should be careful not to do it.
3. I used to enjoy _____, but I don't like it anymore.
4. My sister really likes _____.
5. _____ is the best thing you can do to keep your teeth healthy and strong.

Prewriting

Key Words and Expressions

A Complete the sentence with the correct word from the box.

protect
field

either
insect

seeds
~~activity~~

places
feed

1. Birdwatching is a(n) activity that can be enjoyed in the winter and the summer.
2. In _____ season, you will need a birdwatcher's book.
3. Also, you will need a good pair of _____ glasses.
4. You will need sunscreen to _____ your skin.
5. In the summer, you will need _____ spray to keep bugs away.
6. In the summer, birds mostly _____ around trees and flowers.
7. Winter feeding _____ will be different from those of summer.
8. In the winter, birds are found on the ground in fields looking for _____.

B Talk about the activities that you enjoy in summer and winter. Then, complete the sentences.

1. Jogging is an activity that we can enjoy both in summer and winter.
2. I like _____ during winter. It is very fun.
3. _____ is my favorite summer activity.
4. _____ in winter is much more fun than in summer.

Practice Outlining

A Talk about the pictures. Then, write a topic sentence and five details.

Sample Outline



Title: Scuba Diving in Summer and Winter

Topic Sentence: _____

Details:

1. _____
2. _____
3. places for diving, in lakes or the ocean
4. _____
5. _____

- the ocean, dangerous in the winter
- ~~places for diving, in lakes or the ocean~~
- People can enjoy scuba diving all year long.
- main equipment for scuba diving
- enjoy being underwater
- requires a wetsuit in the winter

Write Your Own Outline

A Talk about the pictures. Then, write an outline of the paragraph.



STEP 1 Write your title.

Birdwatching in Summer and Winter

STEP 2 Write your own topic sentence.

birdwatching in winter / is / very similar to / birdwatching in summer / but with a few differences

STEP 3 Write the details.

1. _____

- in either season / you will need / a good pair of / field glasses
- also / you / should have / a birdwatcher's book

2. _____

in winter or summer / you will need / sunscreen / to protect your skin

3. _____

for birdwatching / in the winter / you will require / much warmer clothes

4. _____

in the summer / you will need / insect spray / to keep bugs away

5. _____

remember that / winter feeding places / will be different than / summer feeding places

B Rewrite your outline.

Your Outline

Title: _____

Topic Sentence: _____

Details:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Drafting

Practice Drafting

A Talk about the pictures.



B Complete the outline.

Sample Outline

Title: Hiking in Winter and Summer

Topic Sentence: Preparation for hiking in the winter is much the same as in the summer.

Details:

- _____ In the summer, you get thirsty, so you drink a lot.
- In the winter, you don't feel thirsty, but you still need to drink a lot.
- _____ In the summer, you need clothes to protect you from insects and the sun.
- In the winter, you need protection from the cold.
- The last thing you need is a first-aid kit.

- The next thing you need is proper clothes.
- The first thing you need is lots of water.
- Preparation for hiking in the winter is much the same as in the summer.

C Read the sample draft and answer the questions.

Sample Draft

Hiking in Winter and Summer

A lot of people like hiking in the summer. _____
_____ Preparation for hiking in the
winter is much the same as in the summer. The first thing you need is lots of
water. In the summer, you get thirsty, so you drink a lot. In the winter, you
don't feel thirsty, but you still need to drink a lot. The next thing you need is
proper clothes. In the summer, you need clothes to protect you from insects
and the sun. In the winter, you need protection from the cold. The last thing
you need is a first-aid kit. _____

1. Fill in the blanks to add more information. You can use your own sentences.
2. Circle all the linking words in the paragraph.

- A. The same kind of kit can be used in either winter or summer.
- B. Other people enjoy winter hiking.
- C. Hiking can be fun all year long. Just remember, in summer or in winter, you should be well prepared.
- D. ~~A lot of people like hiking in the summer.~~

Complete Your 1st Draft

A Write your 1st draft.

Your 1st Draft



Title _____

B Check your draft. Use the checklist.



- Does the title tell enough about the topic of the paragraph?
- Does the topic sentence tell your point clearly?
- Do the details help the reader understand your point better?
- Is the paragraph written in the correct tenses?

Grammar Practice 2

A Write the correct verb form.

1. Does reading (read) newspapers help you learn English?
2. _____ (do) your homework is important.
3. _____ (get) up early lets you get more done.
4. Is _____ (play) the guitar fun?
5. _____ (take) walks is necessary for everyone.
6. _____ (wake) up early in winter is difficult for me.

B Using the given word or phrase, write your own sentence.

1. playing tennis

Playing tennis is fun, but I don't like to do it in summer.

2. complaining

3. reading

4. eating out

5. spending money

 **Compare your answers with your partner's and discuss.**

Revising and Proofreading

Practice Revising

- A** Read the paragraph. Choose the best answer that replaces the underlined mistakes in the paragraph.

Scuba Diving in Summer and Winter

Scuba diving is an activity that can be done in any **1** place. The main equipment for scuba diving is the same in winter and summer: a scuba tank, mask, and swim fins. In the winter, **2** dive usually requires a wetsuit. The places for diving are mostly the same in winter or summer, either in lakes or the ocean. Diving in the ocean, though, can be a little dangerous in the winter because of bad weather. People who enjoy being underwater don't mind if the weather above is hot or **3** warm.

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. a. season | b. country | c. lake |
| 2. a. diveing | b. diving | c. divers |
| 3. a. cool | b. mild | c. cold |

Grammar Review

- A** Write the correct verb form.

1 Riding (ride) a skateboard in the summer is very popular, but some people like **2** _____ (ride) in the winter, too. The skills for **3** _____ (skateboard) are needed for both seasons. **4** _____ (balance) on the skateboard is the hardest part, and it is just as difficult in the winter as it is in the summer. Skateboarders like **5** _____ (jump) their boards, and they have to be more careful in the winter because of ice. Whether skateboarding in summer or winter, skateboarders must be skillful.

Revise

A Fill in the blanks with the sentences and the linking words.

Sample Writing

1


2


3


4


5


Birdwatching in Summer and Winter

Birdwatching in winter is very similar to birdwatching in summer, but with a few differences. _____, you will need a good pair of field glasses. _____, you should have a birdwatcher's book. In winter or summer, you will need sunscreen to protect your skin. For birdwatching in the winter, you will require much warmer clothes. In the summer, you will need insect spray to keep bugs away. Remember that winter feeding places will be different than summer feeding places. In the summer, birds mostly feed around trees and flowers. _____

- A. Birdwatching is an activity that is not only for summer. You can enjoy watching birds in winter as well.
- B. ~~In the summer, birds mostly feed around trees and flowers.~~
- C. In winter, though, they can be found on the ground in fields looking for seeds.

*** Linking Words:**
Also, In either season

B Complete the final draft.

Your Final Draft

Lined writing area with 25 horizontal lines for text.

Proofread



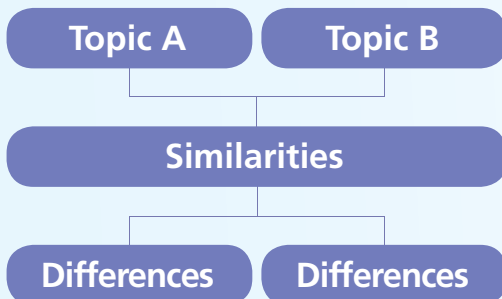
CHECKLIST

- Does each sentence have a verb?
- Does each verb agree with its subject?
- Are capitalization and punctuation used correctly?
- Are the words spelled correctly?

Writing Form Review

When you tell how things are alike and different, you can use a **compare-and-contrast chart**.

1. First, write the two topics to be compared in the boxes at the top of the chart.
2. Then, write each similarity in the box in the middle.
3. Finally, write the differences in the boxes at the bottom.



Compare-and-Contrast Chart

Narrative

Compare & Contrast

Persuasive