# Lecture3

## **Introducing the Essay**

أغراض المقال :In an essay you can

- expresses an idea or opinion يعبر عن فكرة أو رأي
- analyze, explain, or describe someone or some thing تحلیل وتفسیر أو وصف شخص أو شئ ما
- show the relationship between two or more things
   إظهار العلاقة بين شيئين أو أكثر
- solve a problem
- or all of the above ما سبق

## The Academic Essay

An academic essay usually contains four parts:

- An introductory paragraph
- A thesis or main idea statements
- Body paragraph
- A concluding paragraph
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     مقال الأكاديمية عادة ما تحتوي على أربعة أجزاء هي:
     فقرة تمهيدية
     أطروحة أو فكرة البيانات الرئيسية
     الفقرة الجسم
     A الختامية الفقرة

- Body paragraphs, each of which develops the main ideas that you express in your thesis statement. These paragraphs contain specific details, examples, and facts that illustrate your approach to the topic. They can also contain your interpretation or analysis of these details, examples, and facts. Transition words and phrases connect the ideas in these paragraphs (as well as the paragraphs themselves) to each other. These help the reader follow your ideas. In this course, you will be writing essays that have two or more body paragraphs.
- A concluding paragraph, which summarizes your main points and tells the reader that you have completed the essay. This paragraph is the last in the essay.

Note: Begin each paragraph in an essay by indenting the first line.

Studying the Parts of an Academic Essay Study the following diagram of an essay and label its parts.

Paragraph 4	Paragraph 1
Paragraph 5	Paragraph 2
Paragraph 6	Paragraph 3



Analyzing an Academic Essay (Part 1) With a partner, read the following student essay. Then identify and label these parts:

- The introductory paragraph
- The thesis statement/main idea
- The body paragraphs
- Words and phrases that connect ideas
- The concluding paragraph



#### Student Essay : The Benefits of online Language Learning

In today's global environment, knowing a foreign language is increasingly important. The ability to speak a foreign language with clarity and fluency is invaluable for business, education, and when working, living or traveling in another country. Most foreign language teaching occurs in classroom with an instructor, textbooks, and several students. In my opinion, however, one of the best ways to learn a foreign language is self-study, online course. Online language learning is a good way to learn a second language because it's convenient, it's individualized, and it take place in a low-stress environment.

Classroom learning is not practical for many people due to time and cost constraints. In addition, taking time away from work or other responsibilities to attend language courses at an institution is difficult for many people. With self-study, online courses, students can take lessons at home or in the office whenever they want. All they need is a computer and an internet connection. For example, a busy executive can take a language lesson during her lunch hour. A parent with small children can study online at night. In addition, because the student doesn't have to drive anywhere, online learning saves money.

A benefit of online language learning is that it's individualized. Many online language courses have pre-tests that assess each student's level. Online Language programs through can also collect information about the student's learning style and need for studying the foreign language so that the material can be adapted to the student's actual situation. In a classroom, there are many students, each with different proficiency levels, different learning styles, and different needs for speaking a foreign languages.

Furthermore, because online material is not as static as it is a textbook, it can be constantly updated relevant for the student.

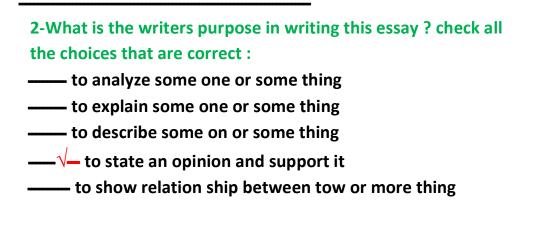
Finally, with online learning, the learning takes place in a low-stress environment—a private setting with no one else around. This is very important because many studies have shown that stress and anxiety inhibit perception, performance, and retention of linguistic material. In a classroom with several other students, all at different levels and with different needs, students may feel inhibited and fearful of making a mistake. They may be afraid to try to making new sounds or expressing their thoughts in the new language. In addition, an atmosphere of competition that exists in many classrooms can be deadly for some students. In fact, the fear of making mistakes or seeming foolish or childlike in front of others inhibits many people from succeeding in foreign language courses. Online learning solves all of these problems. Alone with a computer, a good online language course, and a microphone, many students can make tremendous progress without the fear of appearing foolish in front of others.

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The benefits of online self-study courses are that they are low-cost, people can do them at any time, and they can only do them alone in the privacy of their own home or office. This last benefit is especially important in that many people feel less inhibited about acquiring and practicing language skills when they are alone. In addition, class size at many institutions limits the opportunities for foreign language students to get adequate individual attention. These are just a few of the reasons that an online course is a good way for many people to learn a foreign language.

### 1- What is the main idea in the essay ?

. Online language learning is a good way to learn a second language because it's convenient, it's individualized, and it take place in a lowstress environment.



------ to salve a problem

------ other (explain )

-----a combination of the above

3-are there connecting word and phrases within and between paragraph if so what are they?
In addition- for example –fur there more
4- is essay easy to understand ? why or why not ?
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Not very easy essay must be comprehensive