

**Give Information about Yourself
(Informational Writing)**

Writing Steps

Lecture: 5

Part: 1

Give Information about Yourself

(Informational Writing)

1. What is informational writing?

2. Writing Steps:

a. Pre-write

b. Write

c. Revise

3. Writing: Reading a model informational paragraph about oneself

Writing a model informational paragraph about oneself

What is informational writing?

Learning to write in a new language is not always easy, but it can be fun.

In informational writing you give detailed information about yourself

or about someone else. The details include talking about the name,

age, hobbies and interests, family etc.

The Writing Process:

Most people cannot write a perfect paragraph on the first try. Writing a

good paragraph is a process that includes several steps. The three main

steps are prewriting, writing, and revising.

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• Pre-writing

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• Writing

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• Revising

The Writing Process:

Step 1 : Prewriting

Prewriting is anything you do before you write your paragraph. It includes thinking, taking notes, talking to other people, and gathering information.

Writing a paragraph about yourself

Step 1: Pre-write:

Answer these questions about yourself in complete sentences :

1. What is your complete name ?
2. Where are you from ?
3. Where do you live now ?
4. What language(s) do you speak ?
5. What do you do ? (for example, are you a student ? Are you a businessperson? Are you a teacher? Lawyer ? Bus driver ?
6. What do you like to do in your free time ? (for example, do you like to go to the movies ? Do you like to read magazines ? Do you like to listen to music ? Do you like to go shopping ?).

The Writing Process:

Step 2 : Writing

Writing is putting your ideas into sentences and paragraphs.

Writing a paragraph about yourself

Step 2: Write:

My name is Salaam Ali. I am from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. I live in Riyadh. I am twenty – one years old. I speak English and a Arabic and a little French. I am an engineering student at King Saud University. I love all kinds of sports. My favorite sports are basketball and skiing. I also like to travel, play guitar, and go to parties with my friends.

The Writing Process:

Step 3 : Revising

Revising is looking for ways to improve your paragraph. When you are revising you can make corrections and changes to your work.

Writing a paragraph about yourself

Step 3: Revise:

Use the Revising Checklist to help you improve your paragraph.

Revising Checklist		
1. Is the first word of the paragraph indented ?	Yes	No
2. Does each sentence begin with a capital letter ?		
3. Does each sentence end with the correct punctuation ?		
4. Does each new sentence begin next to the one before it ?		
5. Does the paragraph have a good title?		

Model Paragraph 1

Who am I?

My name is Salaam Ali. I am from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. I live in Riyadh. I am twenty – one years old. I speak English and Arabic and a little French. I am an engineering student at King Saud University. I love all kinds of sports. My favorite sports are basketball and skiing. I also like to travel, play guitar, and go to parties with my friends.

Model Paragraph 2

A Lucky and Happy Man

My name is Adam Brown. I am ninety years old. I am from Italy but I live in San Diego, California, with my family. I speak Italian and English. I work hard and I have my own business. The business is successful and I am satisfied with it. I like to travel and play golf. I have seen and done a lot in my long life. I am lucky and happy man.

Now, follow the three writing steps we have discussed in this lecture and write an informational paragraph about yourself similar to the ones that we have discussed in the lecture.