

## Lecture~ 6

### Organizing and developing your ideas

تنظيم وتطوير أفكارك

#### Thesis Statement and Supporting Ideas

أطروحة البيان " أو ما يسمى بالعبرة البيانية الفكرة الرئيسية في المقال " + الأفكار المساندة " الداعمة "

Turn your books to page 34 – 37

#### review points :

١. an essay is composed of three or more paragraphs and communicates an attitude or opinion about an issue.
٢. the thesis statement tells the reader the main idea of the essay.
٣. the reader should be able to predict what the essay is about by reading the thesis statement .
٤. the thesis statement usually appears in the introductory paragraphs.

#### استعراض نقاط:

١. يتألف مقال من ثلاثة أو أكثر من الفقرات ويتصل هذا الموقف أو رأي حول قضية .
٢. أطروحة البيان ( thesis statement ) يقول القارئ الفكرة الرئيسية للمقال.
٣. وينبغي للقارئ أن يكون قادرا على التنبؤ بما هو مقال عن طريق قراءة أطروحة بيان ( thesis statement ) .
٤. أطروحة البيان ( thesis statement ) تظهر عادة في الفقرات التمهيدية.

#### new points :

٥. the thesis statement usually contains tow parts : the topic and the approach to the topic .
٦. the topic presents the general subject of the essay .
٧. attitude or opinion about the topic and the approach presents the writer's indicates how the writer will develop the essay.
٨. أطروحة البيان ( thesis statement ) عادة ما تحتوي على جزئين : العنوان ( the topic ) والنهج الذي تتبعه لهذا الموضوع ( the approach ) .
٩. العنوان ( the topic ) يطرح الموضوع العام للمقالة .

١٠. هذا النهج ( the approach ) يعرض موقف أوراى الكاتب حول هذا الموضوع وتبين كيف يمكن للكاتب من تطوير مقالة .

---

studying an example of a thesis statement  
read the following thesis statement :

(( مثال على عبارة البيان – إقرأ عبارة البيان التالية ))

sydney possuelo is a great explorer because he has not only made significant contributions to our knowledge of the Amazon but has also worked to defend the rights of the indigenous people of brazil

١١. In this thesis statement , the topic is Sydney Possuelo.
١٢. The writer's approach is to show why Possuelo is a great explorer.
١٣. From this thesis statement, the reader can predict that the writer will explain that Possuelo has increased our knowledge of the Amazon while also defending the rights of the indigenous (native) people who live in that region.

١٤. في أطروحة البيان هذه ، الموضوع هو سيدني بوسويلو.
١٥. نهج الكاتب (موقفه أوراىه ) هو إظهار لماذا بوسويلو هو مستكشف كبير.
١٦. من أطروحة البيان هذه ، يمكن للقارئ أن يتنبأ بأن الكاتب سيوضح أن بوسويلو زادت معرفتنا في منطقة الأمازون في حين يدافع أيضا عن حقوق الشعب (المواطنين) السكان الأصليين الذين يعيشون في تلك المنطقة.
-

## STUDYING AN EXAMPLE OF A THESIS STATEMENT

Read the following thesis statement:

Sydney Possuelo is a great explorer because he has not only made significant contributions to our knowledge of the Amazon but has also worked to defend the rights of the indigenous people of Brazil.

In this thesis statement, the topic is Sydney Possuelo. The writer's approach is to show why Possuelo is a great explorer. From this thesis statement, the reader can predict that the writer will explain that Possuelo has increased our knowledge of the Amazon while also defending the rights of the indigenous (native) people who live in that region.

**1 Analyzing Thesis Statements** For the thesis statements that follow, underline the topic and put a dashed line under the approach.

1. Many explorers have the urge to explore due to their own curiosity and a desire to make a contribution to the world.
2. The adventures of medieval travelers such as Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta led to cross-cultural exchange and expanded international trade.
3. Alexander the Great was one of the ancient world's greatest explorers because he solved many mysteries about the world's history.

في هذا التمرين مطلوب تحديد عنوان كل فقرة بوضع خط تحته وتحديد رأي الكاتب بوضع خط متقطع تحته

### : Supporting ideas

الأفكار المساندة (الداعمة)

### New points:

١٧. The approach may include two or more supporting ideas about the topic.

١٨. The writer will generally develop these ideas in separate paragraphs.

١٩. Each supporting idea should have the same degree of generality or specificity.

Each supporting idea should have the same degree of importance in relation to the

٢٠. النهج (موقف الكاتب أو رأيه) قد يشمل اثنين أو أكثر من الأفكار المساندة حول هذا الموضوع.

٢١. إن الكاتب بصفة عامة سيطور هذه الأفكار في فقرات منفصلة.
٢٢. يجب أن تكون كل فكرة مساندة لها نفس الدرجة في العمومية أو الخصوصية.
٢٣. يجب أن تكون كل فكرة مساندة لها نفس الدرجة في الأهمية في ما يتعلق بهذا الموضوع.
٢٤. يجب أن تكون كل فكرة مساندة متميزة .

## Supporting Ideas

### New Points

- The approach may include two or more supporting ideas about the topic.
- The writer will generally develop these ideas in separate paragraphs.
- Each supporting idea should have the same degree of generality or specificity.
- Each supporting idea should have the same degree of importance in relation to the topic.
- Each supporting idea should be distinct.

### ANALYZING SUPPORTING IDEAS

In the thesis statement about Sydney Possuelo on page 35, the supporting ideas are (1) he has made significant contributions to our knowledge of the Amazon, and (2) he has worked to defend the rights of the indigenous people of Brazil.

Note the following:

- *Making contributions* and *defending rights* are equally general topics; one isn't more specific than the other.
- Both have the same degree of importance in relation to why Possuelo is a great explorer.
- They don't overlap; *making contributions* is different from *defending indigenous people's rights*. They can each be discussed in their own parts of the essay.



**3** **Revising Thesis Statements** The following three thesis statements need rewriting. Working with a partner, decide what's wrong and rewrite each one according to the guidelines above.

1. Space exploration and undersea exploration have two things in common: both are motivated by the thirst for knowledge and the desire to learn more about the world.

What's wrong?

---



---

2. Yuri Gagarin's single orbit of the earth on April 12, 1961, was newsworthy because the Russian cosmonaut was the first man to travel in space and the name of his spaceship was Vostok.

What's wrong?

---



---

في هذا التدريب يطلب منك أن تحدد ما الذي يجري في كل مقطع أو بمعنى اصح بطلب الفكرة  
البيانية في كل مقطع تقرأه بعبارة بيانية

---

### Task

التدريب 4 ص 37

3. Although Alan Shepard and Yuri Gagarin represented different countries, their early flights in space took them both to altitudes of over a hundred miles and increased our knowledge of humans' ability to live in space. What's wrong?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Identifying Topic and Supporting Ideas** Read each of the following thesis statements. Underline the topic and put a dashed line under the supporting ideas. If the thesis statement is good, circle *good*. If it is not good, circle *needs work* and rewrite it according to what you learned in this section.

1. The Brazilian explorer Sydney Possuelo risked his life when he tried to protect the Korubo Indians of the Amazon.

*good*      *needs work*

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. From earliest times, humans have been driven by a desire to know the unknown and to find food.

*good*      *needs work*

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Ferdinand Magellan and Christopher Columbus, two fifteenth-century sailors, were similar because they believed they could find a westward passage to India and because they received no support for their beliefs.

*good*      *needs work*

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Great strides in space exploration were made in 1984, when two American astronauts floated free in space: They gathered some important information about humans' ability to live in space and returned to the spacecraft on their own.

*good*      *needs work*

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly a plane across the Atlantic.

*good*      *needs work*

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

في هذا التمرين يطلب منك قراءة كل فقرة وتحديد العنوان والجملة التصريحية والأفكار الداعمة ثم إعادة كتابة الجملة بما فهمت باختصار يعني لخص الفقرة بعبارة بيانية