



Practice Worksheet on Essay Writing Strategies

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the PEEL writing strategy in your own words. What does each letter represent, and how does it help in writing?
2. Describe how each stage (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) of the PEEL strategy contributes to a cohesive paragraph.
3. What makes a point in the PEEL strategy effective?
4. How would you determine the quality of evidence used in a PEEL paragraph?
5. What is the purpose of the 'Explain' section in the PEEL strategy, and how does it differ from simply presenting evidence?
6. Explain the importance of the 'Link' stage in the PEEL strategy and how it contributes to the overall coherence of a piece of writing.

7. How does applying the PEEL strategy improve the overall quality and effectiveness of a written response?

8. Discuss the benefits of using the PEEL strategy in the context of academic writing, especially in response to prompts or essay questions.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which element comes first in the PEEL writing strategy?

- a) Planning
- b) Point
- c) Purpose
- d) Prediction

2. What supports the main point of the paragraph in the PEEL strategy?

- a) Conclusion
- b) Evidence
- c) Explanation
- d) Link

3. What is the main role of the 'Explain' stage in PEEL?

- a) Summarizes the evidence
- b) Connects evidence to the point
- c) Introduces a new idea
- d) Restates the point

4. What does the 'Link' stage in the PEEL strategy do?

- a) Restates the point
- b) Connects to the overall argument

- c) Provides additional evidence
- d) Introduces a counter-argument

5. What kind of support should 'Evidence' in a PEEL paragraph consist of?

- a) Opinions
- b) Facts and examples
- c) Assumptions
- d) Hypotheses

6. How should a 'Point' in a PEEL paragraph be expressed?

- a) Unclear and vague
- b) Clear and concise
- c) Complex and lengthy
- d) Irrelevant and unrelated

7. What is the significance of a strong 'Link' in the PEEL structure?

- a) It is optional
- b) It is crucial for coherence
- c) It is redundant
- d) It can be replaced with a summary

8. What is the overall purpose of the PEEL writing strategy?

- a) To confuse the reader
- b) To make the writing well-organized and persuasive
- c) To make the writing unnecessarily lengthy
- d) To deviate from the main topic

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions – Expected Responses

1. Explain the PEEL writing strategy in your own words. What does each letter represent, and how does it help in writing?

Expected Answer: PEEL is a writing strategy; Point, Evidence, Explain, Link. It helps organize ideas and evidence.

2. Describe how each stage (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) of the PEEL strategy contributes to a cohesive paragraph.

Expected Answer: The point introduces your main idea. Evidence supports your point with facts or examples. Explain connects the evidence to your point. Link summarizes and ties the idea back to the larger topic.

3. What makes a point in the PEEL strategy effective?

Expected Answer: A strong point is clear, concise, and directly related to the main argument or topic of the text.

4. How would you determine the quality of evidence used in a PEEL paragraph?

Expected Answer: Evidence should be specific, accurate and relevant; coming from trusted resources.

5. What is the purpose of the 'Explain' section in the PEEL strategy, and how does it differ from simply presenting evidence?

Expected Answer: The explanation shows how the evidence supports the main point. It provides analysis and interpretation.

6. Explain the importance of the 'Link' stage in the PEEL strategy and how it contributes to the overall coherence of a piece of writing.

Expected Answer: The link connects the paragraph to the overall essay's argument; shows why it's important.

7. How does applying the PEEL strategy improve the overall quality and effectiveness of a written response?

Expected Answer: Using PEEL helps structure arguments and support them effectively, leading to better-organized and more persuasive writing.

8. Discuss the benefits of using the PEEL strategy in the context of academic writing, especially in response to prompts or essay questions.

Expected Answer: The PEEL method helps writers create focused and well-supported paragraphs, enhancing clarity and persuasiveness.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. Which element comes first in the PEEL writing strategy?

Correct Answer: Point

2. What supports the main point of the paragraph in the PEEL strategy?

Correct Answer: Evidence

3. What is the main role of the 'Explain' stage in PEEL?

Correct Answer: Connects evidence to the point

4. What does the 'Link' stage in the PEEL strategy do?

Correct Answer: Connects to the overall argument

5. What kind of support should 'Evidence' in a PEEL paragraph consist of?

Correct Answer: Facts and examples

6. How should a 'Point' in a PEEL paragraph be expressed?

Correct Answer: Clear and concise

7. What is the significance of a strong 'Link' in the PEEL structure?

Correct Answer: It is crucial for coherence

8. What is the overall purpose of the PEEL writing strategy?

Correct Answer: To make the writing well-organized and persuasive