**IELTS WRITING LESSON 7-18-2018**

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**Lesson Objective**

Students shall be able to demonstrate communication skills in writing.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Students can demonstrate basic proficiency in the following four categories: Vocabulary, Punctuation, Grammar and Coherency.

**Section One Writing**

* Students will be asked to write approximately 5 to 6 paragraphs on the topic of decision making following the outline example from below. Each student will be given 5 minutes to write and post it in the chat and the teacher will provide feedback afterwards.

**Topic: What has been the hardest decision you ever had to make, and how did make that decision?**

**Example Answer:**

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| ***Title***  ***Belief statement*** | **Traveling abroad  helped me with my personal growth** |
| ***Paragraph One****: Introduction* | I found it difficult for me to decide to travel abroad due to the scary news on TV. First I decided not to go to university in France, but then I changed my mind because despite the disadvantages, the advantages weighed more and thus **I believe that traveling abroad can help a person’s personal growth more than anything else.** |
| ***Paragraph Two****:*  *Develop the first reason by giving examples* | All major universities from my country recommended me continuing my PhD abroad. The value of being abroad is supported by research from around the world, and traveling companies are constantly working to improve the safety and effectiveness of their transport. Successful entrepreneurs, actors, singers, artists, doctors, business people, all recommend traveling. |
| ***Paragraph Three:***  *Develops the second reason, giving facts and statistics to support the statement.* | My parents worry about the safety of being abroad. While some cases do occur, they are usually rare, like kidnapping or robbery. In Iran, 80% of students who studied abroad believe their studies helped them develop their sense of acceptance, helping them achieve their dreams. |
| ***Paragraph Four:***  *Develop third reason, giving an example, statistics or facts.* | Only about 1% of the travelers give testimony of a negative occurrence. Studies and investigations have proven that the most common reason for those cases were poor preparation or lack of proper guidance. |
| ***Paragraph Five:***  *Conclusion*  *Restatement of thesis*  *Summary of reasons* | In conclusion, the hardest decision I ever made was to travel abroad. When I traveled abroad I grew personally and professionally. The risks were minimal and it only happens when people are not properly prepared, but I was. I recommend traveling abroad at least one time in your life. You’ll not only be following the best advice of the most successful people; you’ll be also helping your kids, yourself and other people around the world be the best people they can be. |