

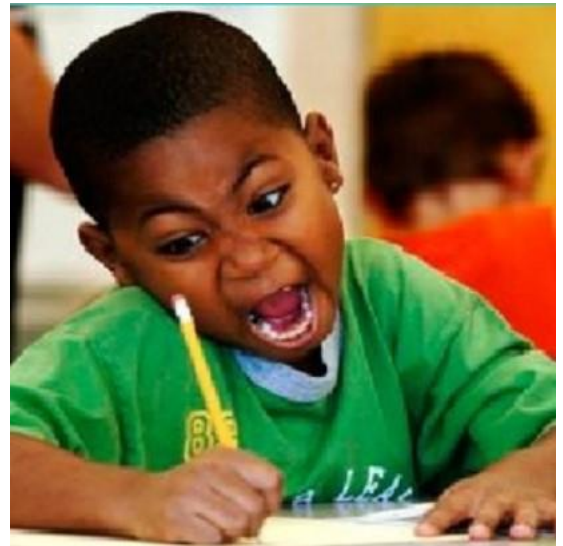
Let's get thinking and writing...

English 9 Intro-write

Step One: in a paragraph of 250 words, respond to any **three** of the following prompts in thoughtful way. Highlight the three you want to write about. Some have a bit of an overlap and can connect to each other thematically, which makes for good transitions in your writing.

Here is your topic sentence:

Young people today have many options to learn about the world, express their interests and begin the journey to become educated citizens. Here are some of my passions and interests.





- What aspect/issues of the world/society/community do you want to know or learn more about?
- Do you read online news, blogs or listen to podcasts? If so which ones? What are your favourites and why?
- What stories, videos, online content (either print or visual) inspire you, scare you, make you think, make you angry or hopeful, make you want to read/watch more? Share some examples.
- If you could have dinner with any one person in the world, who would it be and why? (Please don't make, 'because they're rich' your answer)
- What are you passionate about? What do you 'stand for'? How do you express your passion/s and interests? Do your activities (the things you do – either online or in life) support or reflect your passion, values, and interests? How so?
- What does knowledge mean to you? What does it mean to be a critical thinker? How does one become knowledgeable?
- Why is it important to take English classes in school? (Similar to the 'why do you want to work here' question on a job application)

This is what 250 words looks like:

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Helpful Hints for a Simple Paragraph

<p><i>Do's</i></p> 	<p><i>Don'ts</i></p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use a formal tone ➤ Begin with the end in mind ➤ Focus on one key topic ➤ Use key vocabulary to reinforce your key topic ➤ Have a topic sentence ➤ Attempt to use <u>effective</u> transitions between ideas or examples ➤ Include specific examples ➤ Explain your examples ➤ Use a hook ➤ Consistent verb tense ➤ Use a capital letter to start a sentence ➤ Proofread ➤ Be precise and to the point (concise) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use excessive or unnecessary words (convoluted) ➤ Use "I" or "in my opinion" ➤ Use informal (colloquial) language ➤ Exceed 8 sentences ➤ Be vague ➤ Don't state the obvious. Don't use the word "obvious" ➤ Use nowadays, moreover, or slang ➤ Avoid absolute terms such as "all" or "every" ➤ Use inappropriate topics/language/examples ➤ Go off-topic