



Advanced writing

Session 2

Logical fallacies in thinking and support
Modarres Educational Group

Components of a topic sentence

Main idea + limiting elements

- **The limiting element:**
- Time expressions (nowadays, in recent time, recently, when, etc.)
- Place restrictions (in my country, in some places, in many places)
- Numbers (there are a number of issues, there are two issues, the main reason why...)
- Comparisons (compared to X)
- Cause and effect (because, due to, since, as)



Three types of providing support

- Explaining and exemplifying an idea based on:
 - Physical realities of the world
 - Emotional feelings
 - One-on-one relationship of events



Physical realities of the world:

They are the same everywhere in the world. Every person easily understands and can follow them.

- If you drop an apple, it falls.
- Smoking can cause cancer.
- People die in accidents.



Emotional feelings

They are culture bound; it is really hard for a person from an alien culture to follow them.

- People should marry someone they love.
- People work hard so they deserve a good pay.
- I love the trees in the north of my country.

Note: if you want to use this kind of logic, you should provide enough explanation.



One-on-one relationships

- Based on social conventions, people relate one thing to another.
- If you do not study hard, your father will be angry.
- If you get a good degree, you will be rich.

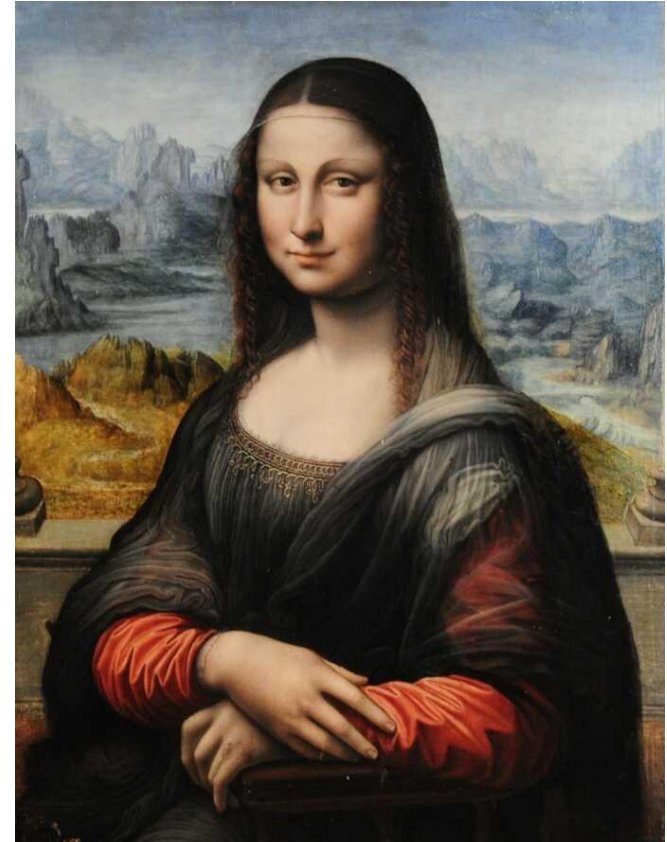
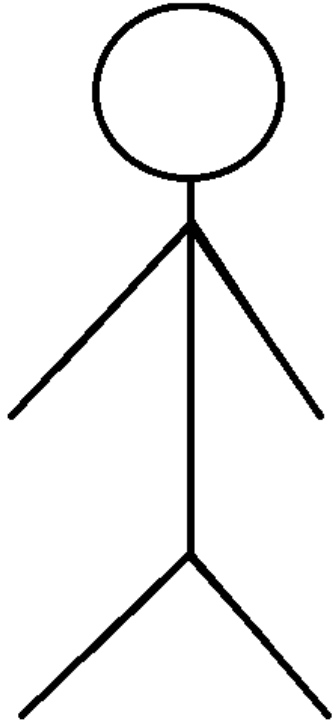
Note: Just like the previous logic, if you want to use this kind of logic, you should provide enough explanation too. Your explanation should cover all the dots that connect one idea to the other.



Example

There are two advantages for travelling in point of my view. People will be familiar with sightseeing places in our country, and they can share their experience from tasting different traditional dishes in every where they travel.

Stick figure strategy



The alphabet soup: grammar and vocab good but no clear meaning

- Despite the pleasure of the trip, we can touch many new experiences such as new cultures, different foods, different accents and even different languages. But in my opinion, it depends on the personalities. For example, some people love to taste new things, but the other people prefer not to risk.
- I believe the main advantage of tourism is having fun. People can go and visit new places which can be really interesting. Some risky people may also feel happy when they go visit nature in another country or go mountain climbing for example. These make travelling a refreshing activity



Another alphabet soup: Persian words, structures and thoughts

- After you go to travel to other countries, you can claim you have more experiences than other people. Because you have seen different cultures. For example, if you travel in winter and participate in Christmas celebration, you see they have different decoration with pine tree. But we decorate with things that first of names start with (s) in new year celebrating. Therefore, these differences are cause of advantages of travelling.



Homework

Why kids should be home by some specific time
at night?

