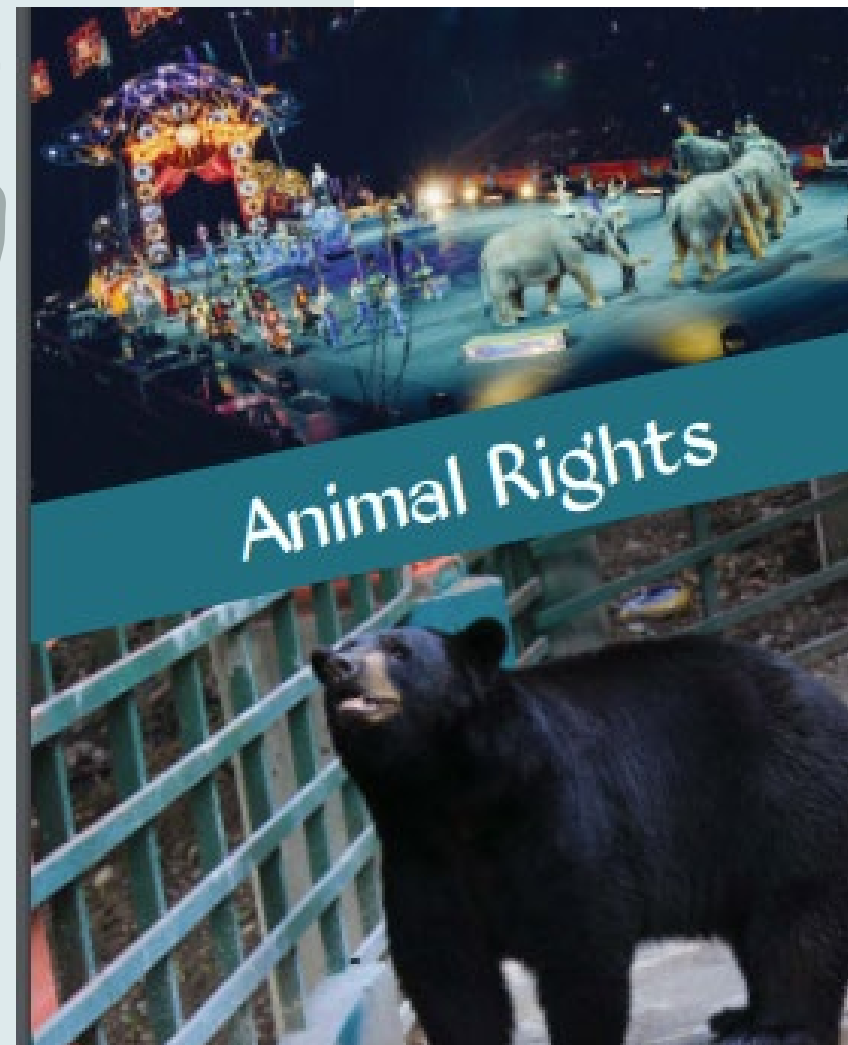


5TH MODULE

Animal Rights





WRITING – DISCURSIVE ESSAYS



Objectives

To learn how to ...

- organize ideas,
- develop points logically,
- make explicit connections,
- elaborate ideas,
- argue points,
- and situate an argument in the context of previous research.

Discursive Essays



Introduction to Discursive Essays



Definition: A discursive essay explores a topic by presenting various perspectives, allowing for a balanced discussion.



Purpose: To inform, persuade, or entertain through critical analysis.



Types: Opinion essays, for-and-against essays, and essays suggesting solutions to problems.

Structure of a Discursive Essay

Introduction: Introduce the topic and state the purpose without giving personal opinions.

Main Body: Present balanced arguments with supporting evidence.

Paragraph 1: First viewpoint with examples.

Paragraph 2: Opposing viewpoint with examples.

Conclusion: Summarize key points and present a neutral or well-supported conclusion.

Key Features of Discursive Essays

Balanced Analysis: Fair presentation of both sides of an argument.

Formal Style: Use of objective language, avoiding contractions and colloquialisms.

Logical Flow: Clear transitions between paragraphs and ideas.

Writing Tips for Effective Discursive Essays

Research Thoroughly: Gather credible information to support arguments.

Plan Your Essay: Outline the structure before writing.

Use Linking Words: Enhance coherence with connectors like "however," "on the other hand," "furthermore."

Review and Edit: Check for clarity, grammar, and consistency.

Common Mistakes to Avoid



Being Biased: Avoid favoring one side without fair consideration of the other.

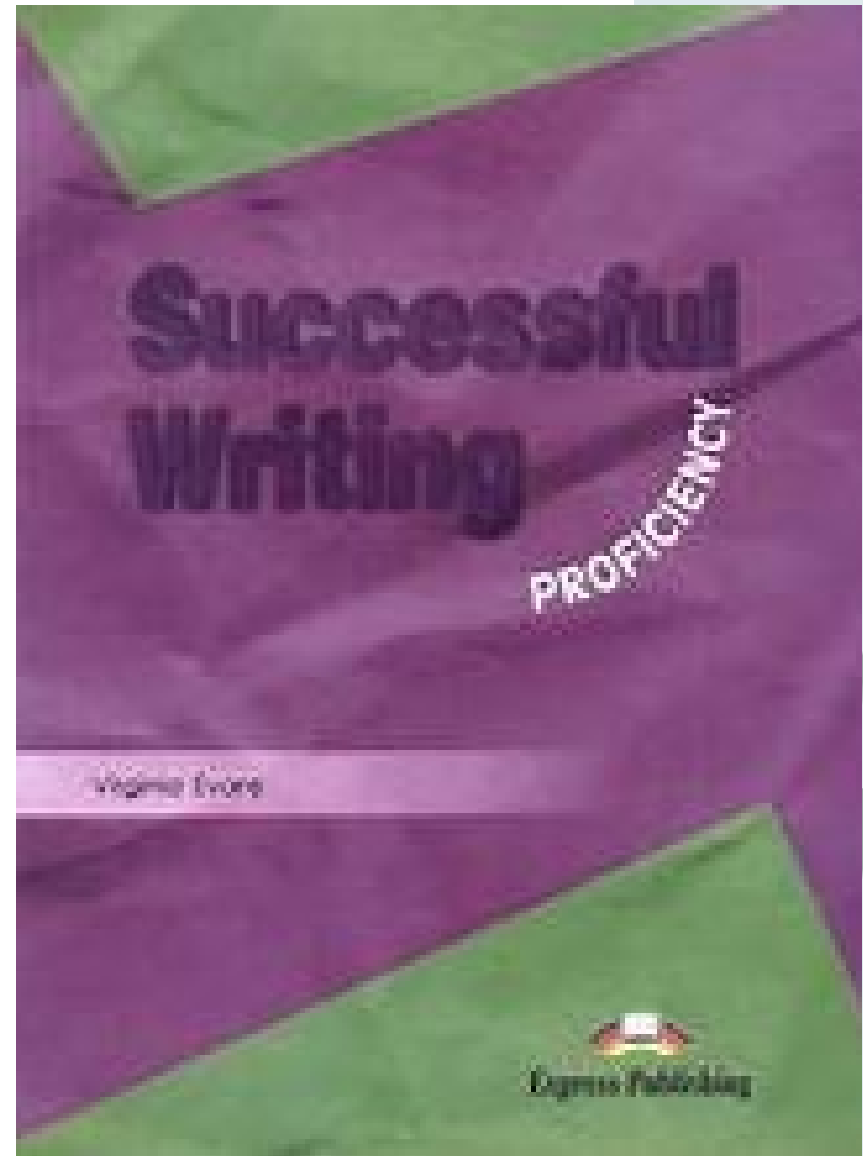
Lack of Structure: Ensure clear introduction, body, and conclusion.

Overly Emotional Language: Maintain a neutral, academic tone.

Ignoring Counterarguments: Address opposing views to strengthen credibility.

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