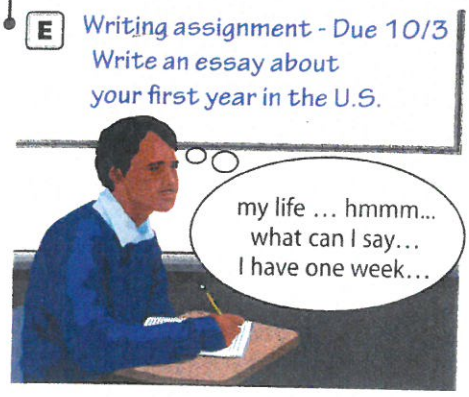
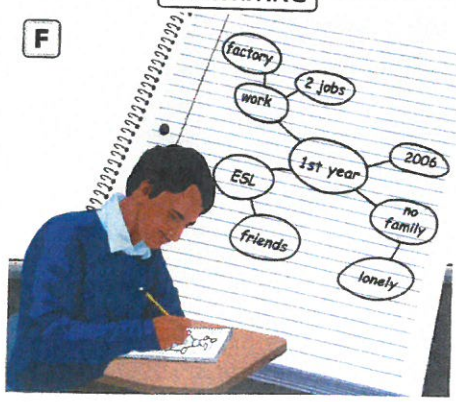
The Writing Process

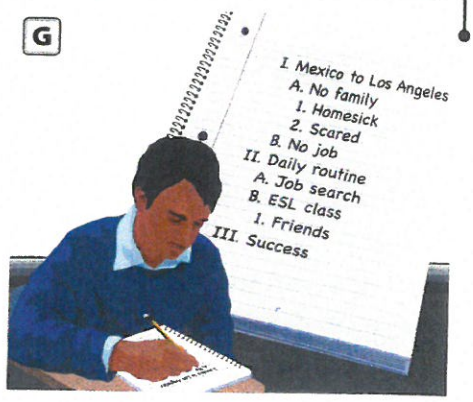
PREWRITING



E. **Think about** the assignment.

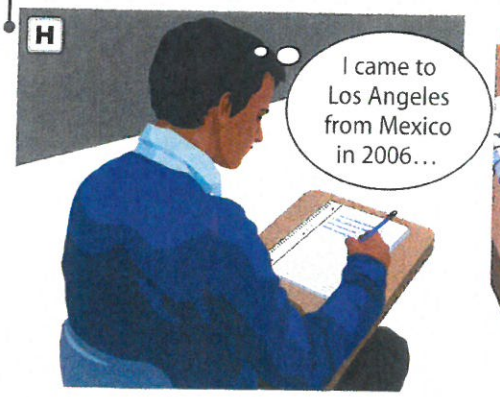


F. **Brainstorm** ideas.

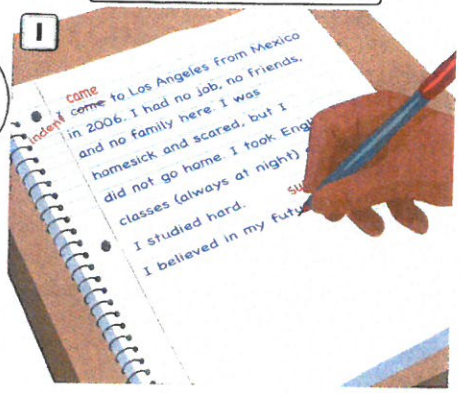


G. **Organize** your ideas.

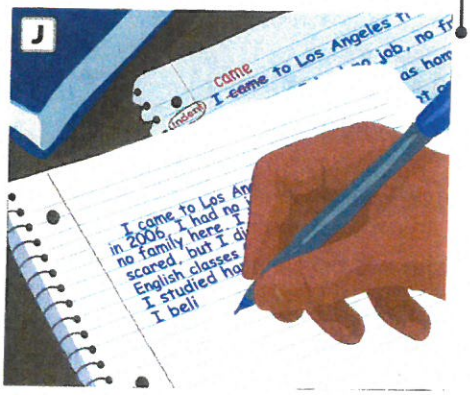
WRITING AND REVISING



H. **Write** a first draft.



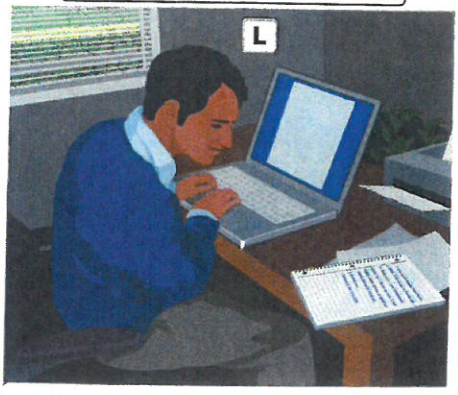
I. **Edit. / Proofread.**



J. **Revise. / Rewrite.**

SHARING AND RESPONDING

K. **Get** feedback.



L. **Write** a final draft.

M. **Turn in** your paper.

Ask your classmates. Share the answers.

1. Do you like to write essays?
2. Which part of the writing process do you like best? least?

Think about it. Discuss.

1. In which jobs are writing skills important?
2. What tools can help you edit your writing?
3. What are some good subjects for essays?

English Composition

1

factory

1. word

2

I worked in a factory.

2. sentence

3

Little by little, work and success came to me. My first job wasn't good. I worked in a small factory. Now, I help manage two factories.

3. paragraph

4

4. essay

Parts of an Essay

5. title
6. introduction
7. body
8. conclusion
9. quotation
10. footnote

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5 Success in the U.S.

6 I came to Los Angeles from Mexico in 2006. I had no job, no friends, and no family here. I was homesick and scared, but I did not go home. I took English classes (always at night) and I studied hard. I believed in my future success!

7 More than 400,000 new immigrants come to the U.S every year.[1] Most of us need to find work. During my first year here, my routine was the same: get up; look for work; go to class; go to bed. I had to take jobs with long hours and low pay. Often I had two or three jobs.

Little by little, work and success came to me. My first job wasn't good. I worked in a small factory. Now, I help manage two factories.

8 Hard work makes success possible. Henry David Thoreau said, "Men are born to succeed, not fail." My story shows that he was right. 9

[1] U.S. Census 10

Punctuation

. 11. period

? 12. question mark

! 13. exclamation mark

, 14. comma

" " 15. quotation marks

' 16. apostrophe

: 17. colon

; 18. semicolon

( ) 19. parentheses

- 20. hyphen

Writing Rules

A

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Mexico
Los Angeles

A. **Capitalize** names.

B

Hard work makes success possible.

B. **Capitalize** the first letter in a sentence.

C

I was homesick and scared, but I did not go home.

C. **Use** punctuation.

D

I came to Los Angeles from Mexico in 2006. I had no job, no friends, and no family here. I was homesick and scared, but I did not go home. I took English classes (always at night) and I studied hard. I believed in my future success!

D. **Indent** the first sentence in a paragraph.

Ways to ask for suggestions on your compositions

What do you think of this title?
Is this paragraph OK? Is the punctuation correct?
Do you have any suggestions for the conclusion?

Pair practice. Make new conversations.

A: What do you think of this *title*?
B: *I think you need to revise it.*
A: *Thanks. Do you have any more suggestions?*