

English Writing Midterm Exam
Study Questions, Intermediate Writing Class, Fall 2015

Part 1. Rewrite a Story

You will rewrite one story that you wrote before. The story will be **one** of these:

1. Past actions – write a story with 2 or 3 actions that happened in different places at different times.
2. Write a summary of Room 8. Include a description of character, plot setting, and the message.

Part 2. Writing, Thinking and Analysis

We learned and practiced a writing format that creates knowledge. We used this format for two murder mystery stories and a study of Korean food consumption patterns. That pattern was:

- Begin with a question
- Find evidence
- Create a rule
- Make a conclusion

Look at the data. Write a short report that explains something important. Use the same writing format as above.

Part 3. Find the hedges. Rewrite the paragraph with no hedges.

To the best of my knowledge, nobody blamed the oil spill on the workers. Apparently, the accident was caused by a problem with one of the pipes. The pipe likely had a small hole, which allowed dangerous gas to escape. This gas probably caused the explosion. About 40% of the workers were injured. The doctor said he believes most of them could be released from hospital in a few days. I talked to some wives of the oil workers. Many of the wives seemed angry at the company.

Part 4. Vocabulary. Write a few words to show the meaning of each word or phrase:

ailment	attitude	belief	bundle
celebrate	coincidence	courage	creative
emerge	emotions	endurance	luck
misfortune	omit	persist	psychologist
shovel	stimulating	subconsciously	superstition
symbolize	thesis statement	traditional	

Part 5. Paragraph Editing. Find the mistakes (mostly punctuation and spelling; about 10 mistakes per paragraph) and rewrite the paragraph.

Paragraph A

did you know that a person can live without food for more than a hole month a person can only live four about won week without water we need water more then we need food. About 97% of earths water is in the oceans. Just 3 % of the earths water can be used four drinking. Approximately 75% of the worlds fresh water is frozen in the north and south polar ice caps.

Paragraph B

did you no that bats are mammals. we no they are mammals just like us because they are warm-blooded they are the only mammals that no how to fly bats are Nocturnal, which means they sleep during the day and are awake at night?

Data Sheet for Midterm Writing Exam

Table 1

OECD (2015), Youth unemployment rate, Total, % of youth labour force					
Location	1990	2000	2005	2013	
Canada	12.3	12.7	12.4	13.7	
Finland	8.9	20.3	18.9	20.0	
Japan	4.3	9.2	8.6	6.9	
Korea	7.0	10.8	10.2	9.3	
Sweden	4.6	11.7	22.0	23.6	
United States	11.2	9.3	11.3	15.5	

Table 2

OECD (2015), Gross domestic product (GDP), total, US dollars/capita				
Location	1990	2013	2014	
Canada	20,092	43,038	44,057	
Finland	17,927	40,017	39,987	
Japan	19,218	36,225	36,485	
Korea	8,447	33,089	34,356	
Sweden	20,099	44,586	45,153	
United States	23,901	52,592	54,353	

Table 3

OECD (2015), Investment, Annual growth rate (%)					
Location	1990	1995	2000	2010	2014
Canada	(3.5)	(1.4)	5.1	11.5	0.2
Finland	(3.6)	12.5	6.2	1.1	(3.3)
Japan	7.9	0.8	0.7	(0.2)	na
Korea	24.7	13.0	12.9	5.5	3.1
Sweden	0.2	8.0	6.5	6.0	7.6
United States	(0.1)	5.2	6.3	1.1	4.1

Investment means spending money on land, buildings, factories and equipment.