

BOOK REVIEW

Writing as a Thinking Process

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An excellent new text for teaching expository writing to high intermediate and advanced ESL students. Included are daily in-class writing assignments and exercises that emphasize the distinction between content and organization, and between cause, effect, and inference. Student's writing is based on content given through illustrations, statistics, tables, graphs, etc.

Each lesson has additional vocabulary, including structure words usually used for the specific purpose of the writing. The following is from the lesson on introducing generalizations and specifics.

Structure Vocabulary

The following is a list of *some* of the structure vocabulary you need when you support a generalization with specific details.

for example
for instance
for one thing
to illustrate
in one instance
in other words
as follows

as proof
let me illustrate
let me cite as proof
in substantiation
to substantiate
as an illustration
in one instance, in this instance
as an example
take _____, for example
consider _____, for example
in practice
according to statistics
according to statistical evidence

The following words and phrases are used for generalizations.

generally
generally speaking
on the whole
all
every
never
always

ESL teachers whose students have mastered English grammar, but have not learned to write in acceptable English style, will welcome this helpful text.

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