

College of Marin
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Course Outline
Intensive English Program: Writing with Grammar Practice 3

Required text: Engaging Writing: Paragraphs and Essays
Bruce Rogers: Complete Guide to the TOEFL Test, IBT Edition, with Audio
CDs/CDROM/Answer Key/Transcript

Course Description: In addition to skills covered in level 2, in Writing 3, students will gain confidence in their ability to communicate in writing and will practice and improve their skill in producing fluent, accurate, organized, developed and engaging essays. Students focus on the writing process including prewriting techniques and strategies (freewriting, brainstorming, outlining, etc) and revising drafts to expand upon relevant ideas or eliminate irrelevant ones, and editing for grammar, punctuation and spelling. Students also examine standard features of English writing in essays and compositions, including their structure, organization, and functions. Students will learn to recognize and practice a variety of rhetorical modes (narration, description, process, classification, example, definition, cause and effect, compare/contrast and argument). Students also work on summarizing texts and focus on preparing for the writing section of the TOEFL exam.

Student Learning Objectives (what students will be able to do by the end of the course):

- Effectively follow and apply the steps in the writing process to successfully complete writing tasks.
- Write well-developed essays in various rhetorical styles with an introduction, body and conclusion.
- Demonstrate written control of appropriate grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary.
- Determine the quality of a writing sample by evaluating its content and organization.
- Read a variety of material with greater comprehension and integrate reading topics into writing.
- Outline and write different types of well-organized essays.
- Recognize and write good thesis statements, topic sentences and well-supported arguments.
- Avoid plagiarism by summarizing, paraphrasing quoting and citing outside sources.

Assignments/Activities:

Prewriting exercises for generation and development of ideas

Revision of drafts

Editing for grammar, punctuation and spelling

Analyzing and Critiquing model essays

Practice TOEFL writing section (independent and integrated tasks)

Practice sentence structure through textbook exercises and revision of student work

Methods of Evaluation:

Written homework

In-class writing

Textbook exercises

Essays

Journals