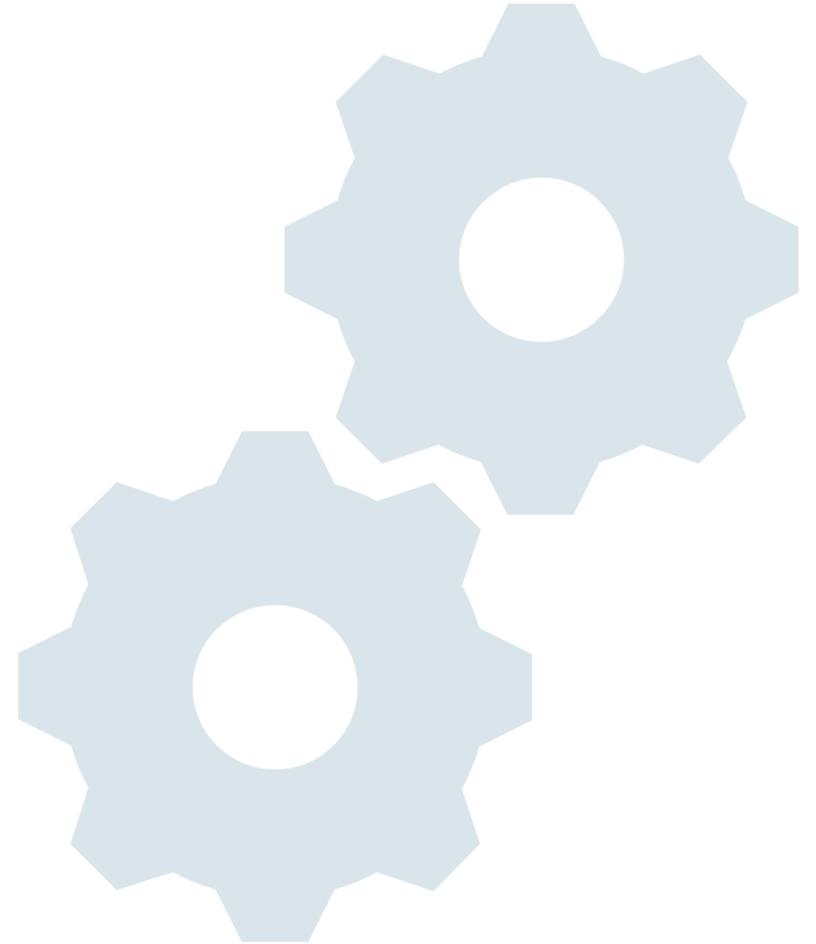




Week 1: Mechanics & Brainstorming

Essay Writing Course | Translation
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Dr. Pashew Nuri | Textbook:
Academic Writing: From Paragraph
to Essay [1, 2]



Week 1 Objectives



Understand Mechanics: Basic 'rules of the road' for sentences [5].



Pre-Writing Skills: Choosing a topic and brainstorming (Unit 1) [5].



Digital Setup: Organizing the Google Doc and Vocabulary Log [5].



Reference: Unit 1 and Unit 12 (Punctuation) [5].

Mechanics: The Basics

Definition: Must start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

Formatting: Correct indentation, margins, and capitalization.

Formality: Avoid 'texting style'; use full formal structures.

Step 1: Choosing a Topic

- Activity (p. 5): Select a subject that is not too broad or too narrow.
- Brainstorming: Generate as many ideas as possible without initial grammar worry.



Step 2: Freewriting



- Activity (p. 7): Write for a set time (5–10 mins) without stopping.



- The Rule: Keep moving! Do not use a dictionary or fix mistakes yet.



Task 1: Getting Started

- Topic: 'Why I chose Translation Studies' [5].

- Log: Create a 'Vocabulary Log' at the top of your Google Doc [5].

- Brainstorm: List 10 honest reasons for choosing this major [5].

Vocabulary Survival Kit

- • Transitions: 'First of all,' 'To begin with,' 'Primarily'.
- • Opinions: 'In my opinion,' 'I believe that,' 'From my perspective'.
- • Memo: You must memorize these for the Midterm!

Looking Ahead to Week 2



- Topic: The 'Burger Structure' (Paragraph Structure) [5].



- Preparation: Read Unit 2 [5].



- Reminder: Bring a charged laptop or smartphone to every lab session [6].