

## Writing skills: The Essay

Writing an essay is basically made of five steps

1) Question

Which is of course the question you are asked to answer. It can be direct or indirect. It's really very important for you to understand what the real question is.

2) Answer

Once you've figured out what the answer is, write that down (draft)

NOTE: this is not just an answer, it is your *thesis*

A thesis is what you need to focus on. It has to be strong to make your writing sound effective, to make your reader know exactly what you want to talk about

A weak thesis is never good for an essay

3) Introduction

Once your thesis is set, you can start writing your essay.

The first thing you need now is an introduction. Your thesis, of course, will be part of your introduction. Write it in such a way that your readers find it interesting so that they will go on reading.

4) Body

What comes next is the body of your paper. In the body of your paper, you need to give 2 to 3 main reasons to support your thesis.

5) Conclusion

After this, you come to the conclusion which is where you go back to what you wrote, recap it, and conclude in an effective/strong way.