



English II: Writing: Module 5: Lesson 4: Section 2

Relevant Evidence and Details

Identify Thesis and Key Words

Directions: Look at the descriptive outline of an essay below. This outline includes a short description of what each paragraph deals with. You need to identify the thesis sentence then find the key words and finally check the evidence (in this case examples) to see if they are relevant to the key words.



Title: My Spanish Wars and Victory

Introduction:

- My introduction begins with a description of my Spanish teacher telling our class how wonderful it will be to know how to speak Spanish.
- I imagine traveling to Mexico and being able to speak fluently so that everyone thinks I am a native speaker.
- I interrupt my daydream to admit that four years later after completing four classes of Spanish with good grades, I am still unable to have a conversation in Spanish with anyone who is a native speaker.
- I close with a statement that although I have practiced different ways to become fluent, I realize that a study abroad this summer in Costa Rica is what I need.

In the box, below write a sentence that expresses the thesis of this essay. When you are finished, check your answer by clicking on the check box.





Now, identify the key words in the thesis. Write five words below that seem to you to be the most important five words to keep in mind as you check evidence. When you are finished, check your answer by clicking on the check box.



Now look at the summaries below of evidence the author used to support her thesis. Which evidence is clearly relevant to the thesis? In other words, which evidence is related to “never being a fluent speaker of Spanish, even though I’ve tried.” Mouse over the “Clearly Relevant” or “Not Clearly Relevant” buttons each summary to check whether the responses are clearly relevant, or not clearly relevant.

I ordered some comic books in Spanish online and read them aloud to practice conversation.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant

I have tried to watch an hour of television in Spanish every day.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant

I have taken cumbia lessons and gone out with friends to dance clubs on cumbia nights.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant



Just because I do my homework and get A's in Spanish class doesn't guarantee I can speak Spanish fluently.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant

I memorized dialogues in Spanish and had my father practice them with me.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant

I attend Spanish Club meetings every two months.

- Clearly Relevant
- Not Clearly Relevant