Week 9: Beginning Paragraph Writing

Question and Answer Outline & Descriptive Paragraph

Day 1: Directed Writing of a Descriptive Paragraph Part I

(A) Hopefully, you still remember what a paragraph must contain in order to be a paragraph:

Opening sentence

Closing sentence

Contains all the same topic

Three or more sentences

Indented

(B) Now you will be using what you have learned about OCCTI to write a paragraph of your own by answering questions, then putting your answers into paragraph form.

<> 1. Week 9: Answer the questions that are listed below with <u>a word or a few words</u> in the order they are given.

Example: What word would you use to best describe your bedroom? comfortable

1. What word would you use to best describe your bedroom?

_____

_____

2. What colors do you have in your bedroom?

_____

_____

3. What size bed do you have in your room?

_____

_____

4. Do you share your room with anyone?

_____

_____

5. What is your favorite thing about your bedroom?

_____

_____

6. Is your bedroom a cozy place, a practical place, or a fun place?

_____

_____

Day 2: Directed Writing of a Descriptive Paragraph--Part II

You will work on a paragraph about your bedroom again today.

<> 2. Week 9: On the lines provided, turn your answers from yesterday into complete sentences, and write those sentences on the line provided. Be sure each sentence has all five parts of a sentence (CAVES).

Example--Word to describe your bedroom: My bedroom is a comfortable place.

1. What word would you use to best describe your bedroom?

_____

_____

_____

2. What colors do you have in your bedroom?

_____

_____

_____

3. What size bed do you have in your room?

_____

_____

_____

4. Do you share your room with anyone?

_____

_____

_____

5. What is your favorite thing about your bedroom?

_____

_____

_____

6. Is your bedroom a cozy place, a practical place, or a fun place?

_____

_____

_____

Day 3: Directed Writing of a Descriptive Paragraph--Part III

<> 3. Week 9: Use the sentence answers that you wrote yesterday to write a paragraph, following the instructions given below.

(1) Check your answers again to be sure that each one is a real sentence and can stand all by itself. (You might need to use CAVES!)

(2) Start with the first answer and write it in your notebook or on the lines below, making sure that you indent it to show that it is the beginning of a paragraph.

(3) Write each answer that you wrote for questions two through six in order directly following the first one you wrote. Do not skip lines or make a list of sentences. Your sentences all together should look like one paragraph.

(4) Write on every other line of the lines provided.

(5) Your answers should make a nice, flowing paragraph:

a. The questions that you were asked were worded so that your complete answer to number one will make a nice opening sentence.

b. Your answers for numbers two through five will make good content sentences (or supporting sentences). Be sure to put your sentences in the order they are in the list of questions.

c. Your answer for number six will make a nice closing or summary.

Day 4: Directed Writing of a Descriptive Paragraph--Part IV

<> 4. Week 9: Write a final copy of your room description paragraph by following these steps:

(1) Have your teacher help you check your paragraph yesterday to find any mistakes you may have made. She can help you correct them in that “rough draft” copy.

(2) Recopy your descriptive paragraph on the lines provided in your best penmanship or key it on the computer.

(3) Write on every other line of the lines provided.

Day 5: Checking OCCTI in Original Descriptive Paragraph

(A) Now that you have learned OCCTI and written a paragraph, you will learn to check your paragraph to see if it is truly OCCTI.

(B) Do you remember the five parts of OCCTI?

Opening sentence

Closing sentence

Contains all the same topic

Three or more sentences

Indented

<> 5. Week 9: Complete the following steps to check your room paragraph for OCCTI:

(1) Highlight the first sentence you wrote with a highlighter. -- **Opening sentence**

(2) With a different color, highlight the last sentence you wrote. -- **Closing sentence**

(3) Underline all of the sentencs you wrote with a different color highlighter if all of them are about the same topic -- **Contains the same topic**

(4) Count the number of sentences you wrote and write that total number beside your paragraph. -- **Three or more paragraphs**

(5) Draw an arrow showing indentation just before your first sentence. -- **Indented**