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Summary Writing









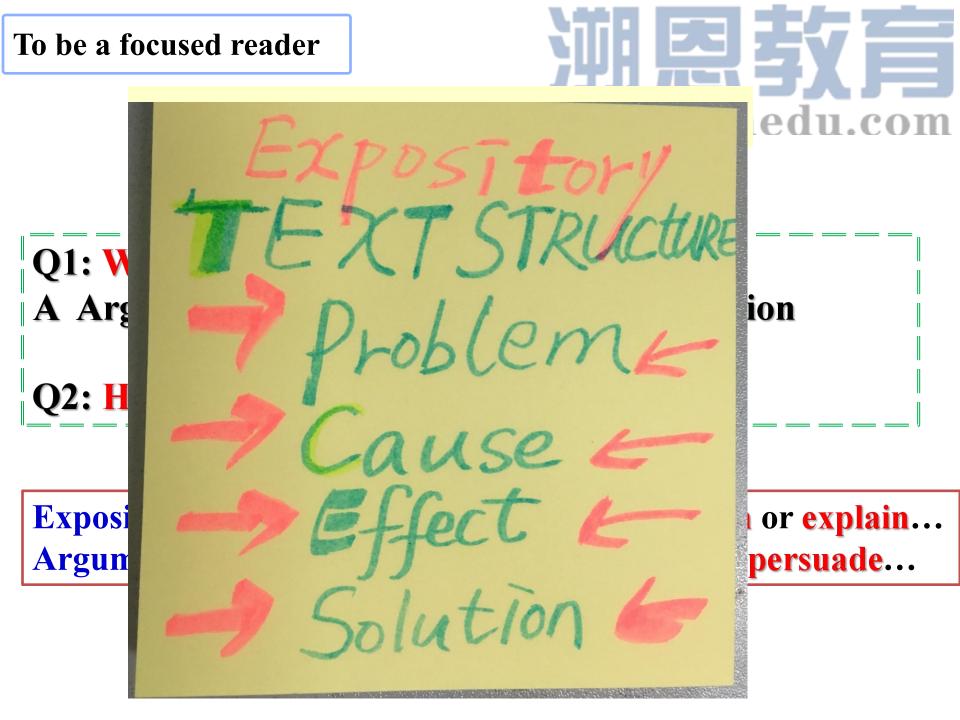


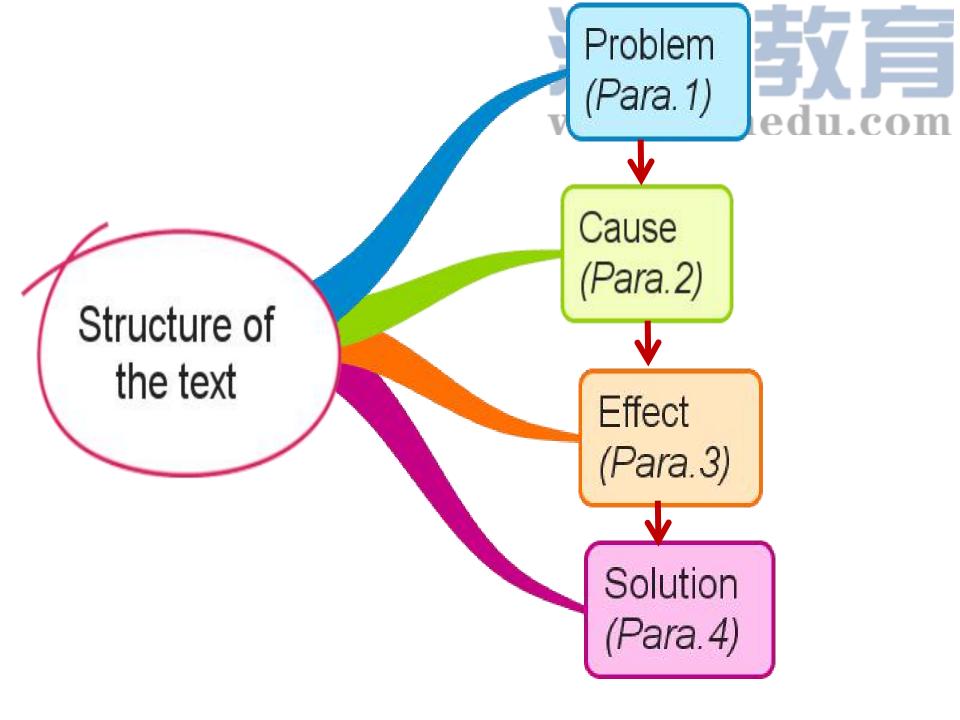
Who is in control of your life? Who is **pull**ing **your strings**? (操控)For the majority of us, it's other people – society, colleagues, friends, or our family. We learned this way of operating when we were very young, of course. We were brainwashed. We discovered that feeling important and feeling accepted was a nice experience and so we learned to do everything we could to make other people like us. As Oscar Wilde puts it, "Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry (模仿), their passions a quotation."

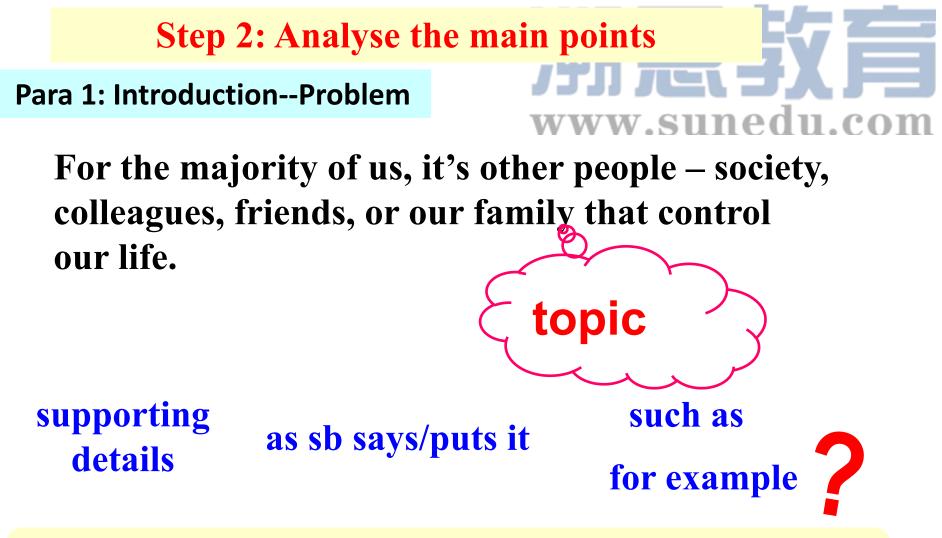
When people tell us how wonderful we are, it makes us feel good. We **long for** this good feeling like a drug – we are addicted to it and seek it out wherever we can. **Therefore**, we are so eager for the **approval** of others that we live unhappy and limited lives, failing to do the things we really want to. Just as drug addicts and alcoholics live worsened lives to keep getting their drug, we worsen our own existence to get our own constant drug of approval.

But, just as with any drug, there is a price to pay. The price of the approval drug is freedom – the freedom to be ourselves. The truth is that we cannot control what other people think. Everyone has a different way of thinking, and people change their opinions all the time. Moreover, people have their own business, and in the end, they're more interested in themselves than in you. The person who tries to please everyone will only end up getting exhausted and probably pleasing no one in the process.

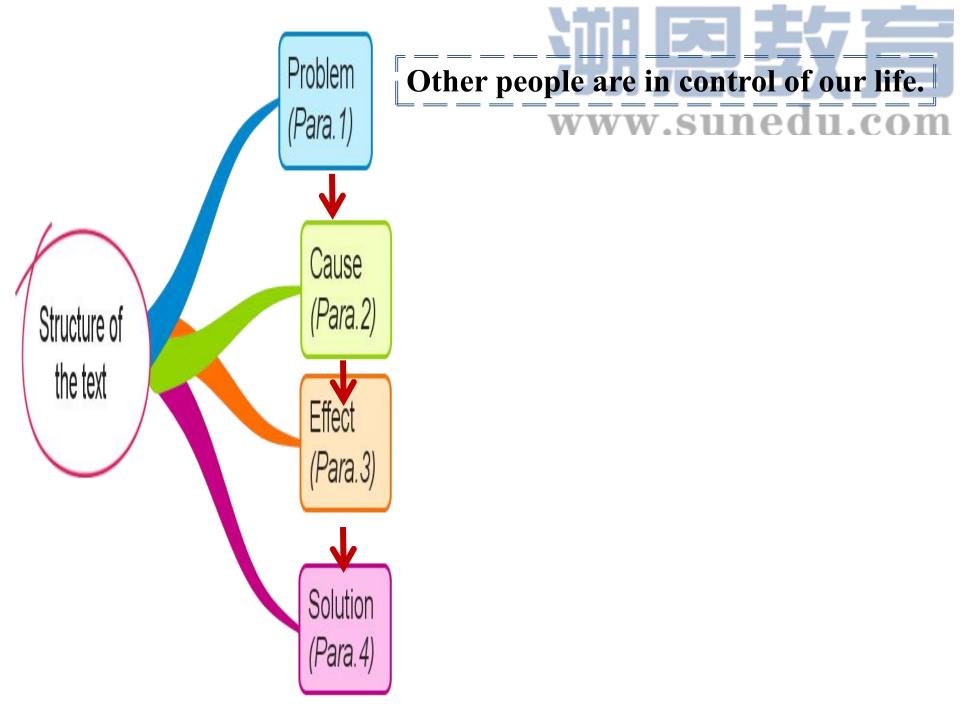
• So how can we take back control? I think there's only one way -- make a conscious decision to stop caring what other people think. We should guide ourselves by means of a set of values -- not values imposed (强加) from the outside by others, but values which come from within. If we are driven by these values and not by the changing opinions and value systems of others, we will live a more authentic, effective, purposeful and happy life.





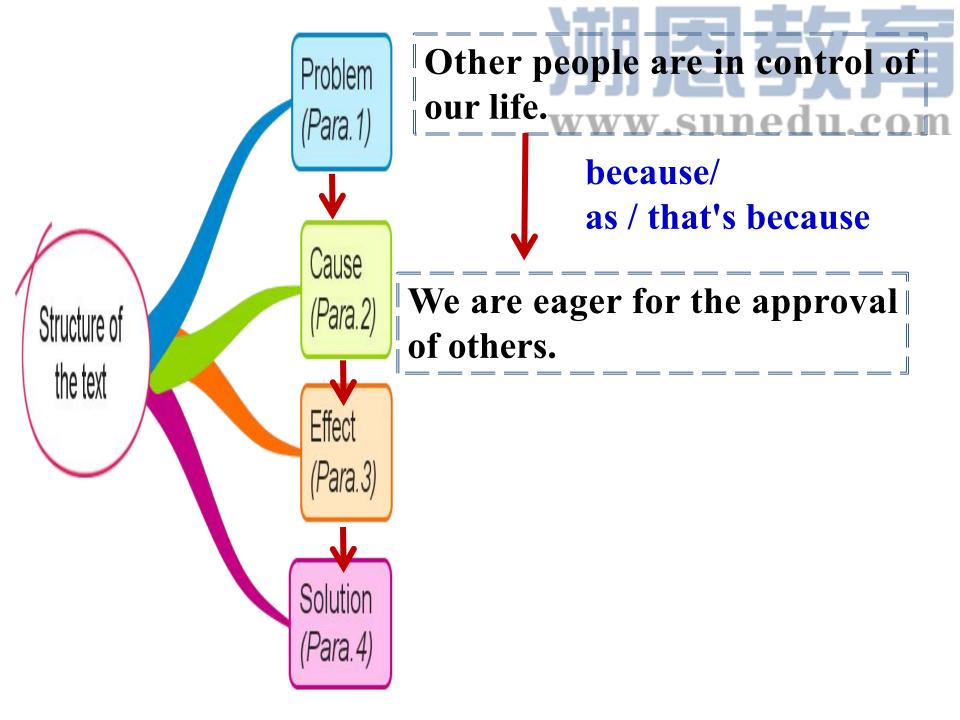


Writing tip 1: Delete unnecessary information, such as details, examples or quotations.



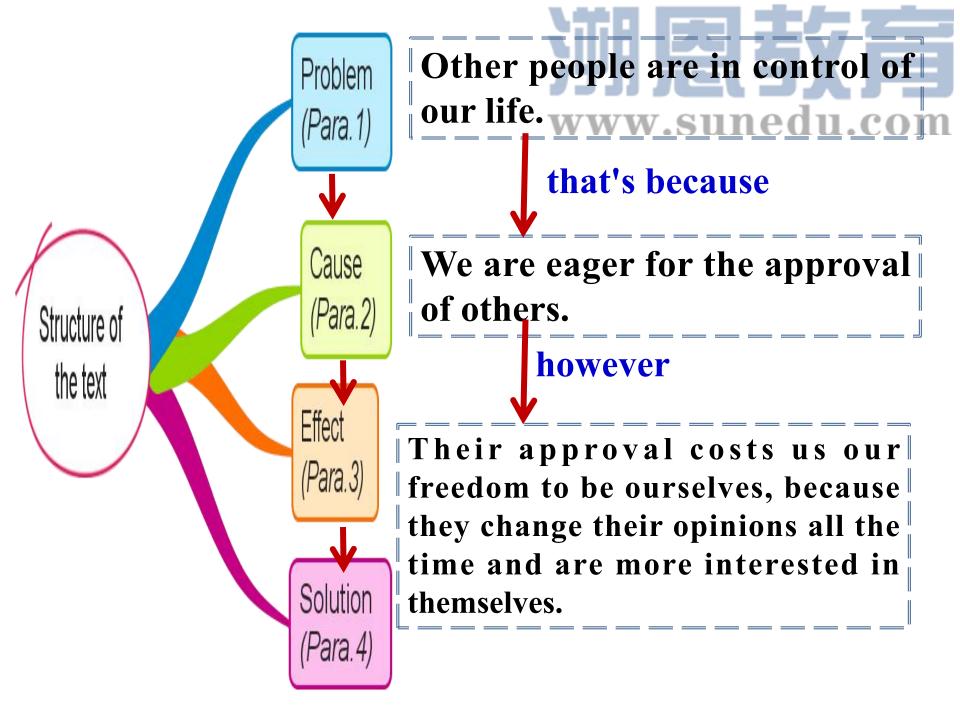
Para 2: Cause

Therefore, we are so eager for the approval of others that we live unhappy and limited lives.



Para 3: EffectPrice?Can we control others?
Why or why not?The price of the approval drug is freedom.We cannot control what other people think.People change their opinions all the time.Moreover, they are more interested in themselves.

Writing tip 2:Combine two different opinions if necessary.



Para 4: Solution

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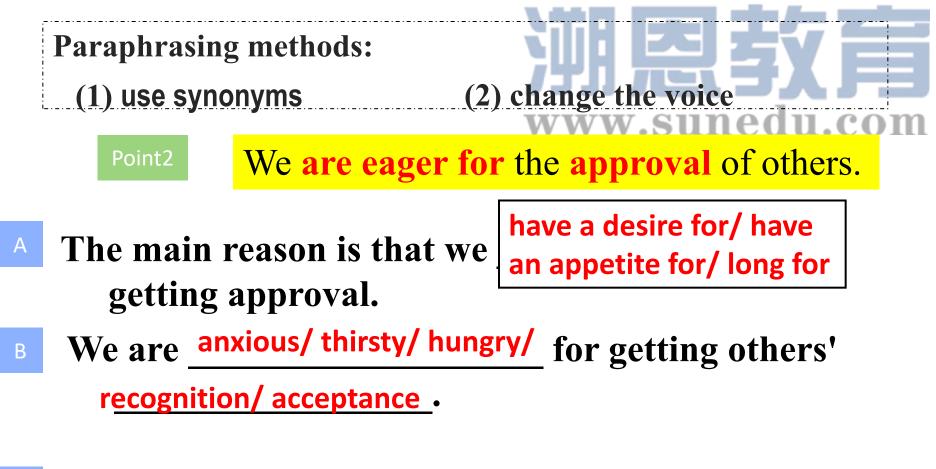
stop caring what other people think. guide ourselves by values which come from within.



authentic, effective, purposeful and happy life.

Other people are in control of our Problem life. (Para. 1) that's because We are eager for the approval of others. Cause however (Para.2) Structure of Their approval costs us our freedom to be the text ourselves, because they change their opinions all the time and are more Effect interested in themselves. (Para.3)therefore/ consequently We should stop caring what other Solution people think and guide ourselves (Para.4)by values which come from within, so we will live a more enjoyful life.





That's because we attach great importance to being approved of being accepted being recognized Paraphrasing methods: (3)Use a single word to cover the whole sentence's meaning.

Their <u>changeable</u> and <u>uninterested</u> thoughts, are beyond our control.

Their recognition costs us our freedom to be who we are, <u>because</u> their changeable and uninterested thoughts are uncontrollable.

Writing tip 3:Use signal words to make your writing logical and clear.

Micro-writing practice

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We should stop caring what other people think and guide ourselves by values which come from within, so we will live a more authentic, effective, purposeful and happy life.





Paraphrasing methods: (4)Transform sentence patterns.

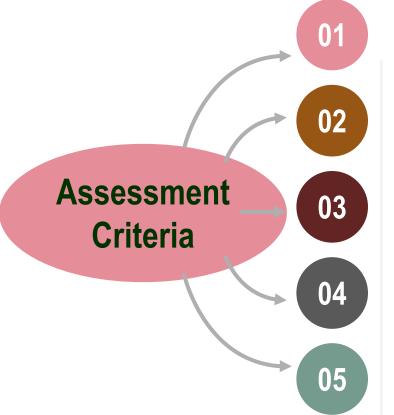
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We should stop caring what other people think and guide ourselves by values which come from within, so we will live a more enjoyful life.

- A Only by <u>ignoring/taking no notice of</u> others' opinion and sticking to our inner values <u>can we</u> live a more enjoyable life.
- Ignoring opinions of others and sticking to our inner values are good ways to be ourselves, <u>which</u> makes our life cheerful and meaningful.
 (定语从句)
- One advisable solution is to ignore other people's opinion and to be ourselves, thus making our life more enjoyable.
 (用doing做结果状语)

Step 4: Check for possible mistakes





Cover all the key points

Write in correct language

Use proper conjunctions

Avoid copying the original sentences

Count the words (60 \pm 20)



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Our life is controlled by other us. One possible version That's because we attach great being approved of by them. Sadly, their recognition costs us our freedom to be who we are, because their changeable and uninterested thoughts are uncontrollable. Therefore, we should ignore opinions of others and stick to our inner values, thus making our life cheerful and meaningful. (67)







Writing tips:

1. **Delete** unnecessary information, such as details,examples and quotations.

2. Combine two different opinions if necessary.
3.Use signal words to make your writing logical and clear.

Paraphrasing methods: (1) Use synonyms (2) Change the speech of words (3) Change the voice (4)**Transform** sentence structures(inversion etc.) (5)Use a single word to cover a sentence's meaning.

Assignment Will Experied Please apply what we learn in this period to make a summary of a new passage.





- Many of us invest valuable time, energy and money planning our vacations. We
 do this because we know for sure that going on vacations must be good for us.
 Research proves this feeling without a doubt. Vacations help us perform better at
 work, improve our sleep quality and cushion us against depression.
- Yet, despite these benefits, many of us return home with a feeling that our last vacation was OK - but not great. In order to change this, some mistakes should be avoided. A typical one for vacation planners is attempting to maximize value for money by planning trips that have too many things. Perhaps you're planning a trip to Europe, seven cities in 10 days, and you realize it will cost only a little more to add two more destinations to the list. Sounds fine in theory, but hopping from one place to the next hardly gives an opportunity to experience what psychologists call mindfulness -- time to take in our new surroundings, time to be present and absorb our travel experiences. Another mistake is that we worry too much about strategic issues such as how to find a good flight deal, how to get from A to B, or which destinations to add or subtract from our journey. These issues may seem important, but our psychological state of mind is far more important.
- Actually, vacation happiness is based on the following top rules. First, choose your travel companions wisely, because nothing contributes more significantly to a trip than the right companions. Second, don't spend your vacation time in a place where everything is too expensive so as to maintain a positive mood. Third, shop wisely, for meaningful experiences provide more long-term happiness than physical possessions.



Summary



One possible version:

Vacations benefit everyone, but many people come back from vacations not feeling very great. To make our vacations happy, we should avoid two mistakes-trying to achieve the fullest value for what we invest into vacations and worrying too much about vacation arrangements. Besides, we should follow some rules such as choosing the right companions and destinations and being wise in doing shopping.



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