

# We-talk

## Summary writing

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## Evaluation criteria

**Content**

**Correct &  
diversified**

**logic**

**Clear & neat**

**Complete;  
objective;  
concise &  
independent  
points**

**language  
& grammar**

**coherent**

**handwriting**



# Students' **difficulties** in writing



## **Content**

踩不中点，既怕  
不完整，又怕太  
繁琐



## **Language**

找不到替换词和  
句式



## **Logic**

段与段关系不明，  
不会用连接词



## Solution: **three** steps



### Step1

Read for **theme & main ideas**.



### Step2

Read for **key points** and rewrite them **correctly and concisely**.



### Step3

Read for **structure** and organize your writing **coherently**.

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**Read for theme and main ideas**





## Read for **theme** and main ideas

**“we-talk”**

We all know that friends are special people who we share our lives with, and who share their lives with us in return. But seeking friends and keeping the friendship going is not always easy. Research recently published in the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, the key is to use **“we-talk”**.

**The importance of “we-talk”**

Led by University of California psychologist Megan Robbins and her colleagues, the researchers reviewed and analyzed 30 different studies involving over 5,000 participants. This largest-ever analysis of **“we-talk”** suggested that the frequent use of “we” and “us” is linked to stronger relationships. The word “we” move people from an individual position into a partnership, which makes us more interdependent. “The pronouns offer an insight into whether people see themselves as individuals or as part of a whole,” Robbins told Science Daily.

**One advantage of “we-talk”**

Their research also found that **“we-talk”** is helpful for solving conflicts. “The research indicates that interdependence may bring about supportive behaviors and positive communication, which is very important in times of stress and conflict,” according to a statement released by Robbins’ lab.

**Another advantage of “we-talk”**

Contrary to **“we-talk”**, there is “I-talk”, which refers to the frequent use of first-person singular pronouns, such as “I”, “me”, and “mine”, when writing or speaking. Earlier this year, researchers from the University of Arizona, US, analyzed a set of data that came from 4,700 people in the US. They found that too much “I-talk” was an accurate linguistic marker (语言标记) that someone is likely to feel stressed or experiencing negative emotions.

**The disadvantage of “I-talk”**

As you can see from the two studies, too much “I-talk” can make you feel depressed. But **“we-talk”** can encourage you to become more positive and create a ripple effect of healthy interactions with others. So next time you’re talking to a friend, try using more “we-talk”. You may find yourself feeling more positive—and the effect it will have on your friend will be positive as well.

**The suggestion**



**Read for key points and rewrite them**





## Para.1 The importance of “we-talk”

Tip1 抓住信号词，定位要点。

We all know that friends are special people who we share our lives with, and who share their lives with us in return. **But seeking friends and keeping the friendship** going are never easy. According to research recently published in the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, **the key is to use “we-talk”**.

**seek friends:** make friends; build\establish friendship

Tip2 抓住关键词，同义替换。

**keep friendship:** maintain friendship

**key:** sth. is important\essential\crucial\vital; sth. plays an important role in; sth. is of importance





## Learn from peers

Tip3 巧用句型，整合关键信息。

Which version is the best one? Why?

correct  
& concise

1. Using “we-talk” is **vital** to **making** friends and **maintaining** friendship.  
(v-ing作主语)

😊 “We-talk” can **play a crucial role in building** and **maintaining** the friendship. (句型sth. plays a crucial role in doing sth.)

3. **Despite** the obstacles in **establishing** and **maintaining** friendship, “we-talk” may **be of assistance**. (despite引导的让步状语从句)

Possible version

**“We-talk” plays a crucial role in establishing and maintaining friendship.**



Tip4 逐句分析复杂段落，提取要点、支撑信息和冗余信息

## Para.2 One advantage of “we-talk”

研究介绍(冗余信息)

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② 研究结果(要点)

of “we-talk” suggested that the frequent use of “we” and “us” is linked to happier and healthier relationships. The word “we” move people from an individual position into a partnership, which makes us more interdependent. ④ “The pronouns offer an insight into

whether people see themselves as individuals or as part of a whole,” Robbins told Science Daily.

③ 解释 “relationship” (支撑信息)

举例说明，冗余信息

What’s “happier and healthier relationships” in para.2?



## What's “happier and healthier relationships” in para.2?

(Draw a mind map to illustrate the concepts like “individual”; “partnership”; “interdependent” and “happier and healthier relationship”. )



**interdependent**

**“We”**

**individual**



Tip5 借助思维导图，  
厘清抽象概念。

**partnership**



Learn from peers

Which

要点、支撑信息逻辑清晰

one? Why?

1. According to their study, **the more** you use “we” and “us”, **the happier and healthier** you will be. (句型 “the+比较级...,the+比较级...”)
2. Frequently using “we” **is associated with** healthier relationship and **motivates** individuals **into** a group. (将is linked to改写为is associated with; move改写为motivate)



The research demonstrates “we-talk”, with plenty of “we” and “us”, promotes **harmonious** relationships by **mingling** people to a community. (将happier and healthier改写为harmonious; move改写为mingle; 借助v-ing连接主次要点)

Possible version

As a study reveals, “we-talk” **contributes to** healthier relationships, **motivating** individuals into a group and to rely on each other.



### Para.3 Another advantage of “we-talk”

研究结果(要点)

Their research also found that “we-talk” is helpful for solving conflicts.

“The primary point is that interdependence may bring about supportive behaviors and positive ideas of the partner— especially important in times of stress and conflict,” according to a statement released by Robbins’ lab.

解释说明(支撑信息)

be helpful for: benefit\be beneficial to\be conducive to\contribute to

solve:settle\address\tackle\deal with      conflict: collision\disagreement\argument\dispute

Possible version

Support from such interdependence **is**  
**beneficial to address collisions.**

Tip6 巧用限定词，省略重复信息。



Thinking: The following version combines the points in para.2 and para.3 into one sentence. Do you think it proper? Why?

要点2

Some researches show that “we-talk” **not only** can make relationship happier and healthier, **but also** can help us to deal with some conflicts between friends.

要点3

点评：此生虽能借助“not only...but also”句型体现para.2和para.3两段的并列关系，且能抓住两段的主要点，但合并处理不利于次要点的整合。

Tip7 概括较长段落时，各要点独立成句，以免丢失次要点。





## Para.4 The disadvantage of “I-talk”

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研究结果(要点)

They **found** that too much “I-talk” was **an accurate linguistic marker** (语言标记) that someone is likely to feel stressed or experiencing **negative emotions**.

an accurate linguistic marker: indicate; symbolize; demonstrate; show

stressed: tense; anxious; strained; under the pressure

Possible version

“I-talk” **indicates** pressure or negative feelings.



## Para.5 The suggestion

As you can see from the two studies, too much “I-talk” can make you feel depressed. But “we-talk” can encourage you to become more positive and create a ripple effect of healthy interdependence with others. **So** next time you’ **建议内容(要点)** nd, **try using more “we-talk”**. **You** may find yourself feeling more positive—and the effect it will have on your friend will have on **your friend** will **be positive** as well. **建议效果(支撑信息)**

表建议: it's necessary\recommended\suggested\advised\proposed\ a must to do sth.

Possible version **It's advisable to use “we-talk” in the benefit of you and your friends.**

Tip8 巧用介词短语、非谓语动词、定语从句等语法，连接主次要点。



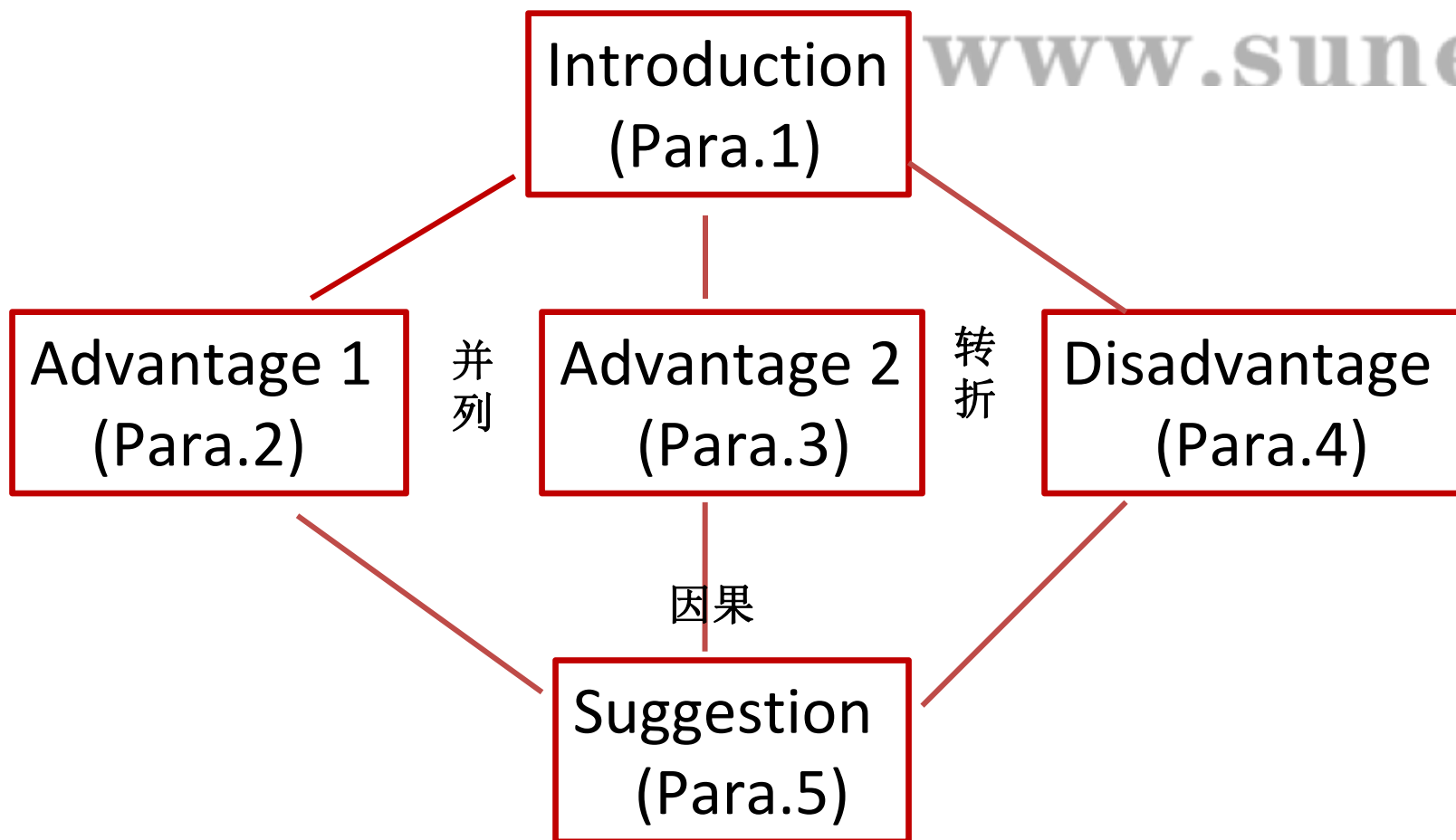


**Read for structure and organize your writing**





Read for the **structure** and draw a mind map





Fill in the blanks with proper logical words

Possible version

“we-talk” plays a crucial role in establishing and maintaining friendship. **As a study reveals**, “we-talk” contributes to healthier relationships, motivating individuals into a group and to rely on each other. **Additionally**, support from such interdependence is beneficial to address collisions. “I-talk”, **by contrast**, indicates pressure or negative feelings. **Thus**, it’s advisable to use “we-talk” in the benefit of you and your friends.

并列: also; additionally;  
besides; what's more;  
furthermore; moreover; in  
addition to...

转折: however; on the  
contrary; contrarily; by(in)  
contrast; whereas;  
conversely; nevertheless...

结果: so; therefore; thus;  
hence; consequently; in  
consequence; as a  
result\consequence...

# Conclusion



## Three steps

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# Assignments

1. Polish your writing with the **8 tips** you've learnt.
2. Review the newly-learnt words and sentence patterns.





# Thank you

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