

Practical English Writing

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What do I want to achieve... (excerpts)

- *“Last year we learned the basic structures of short paragraphs. I would like to learn to organize a number of paragraphs into an article, and to make contents more vigorous.”*

What do I want to achieve...

- *Curriculum Vitae* (Resume)
- Business letters
- Grammar / Sentence structures
- Using the right words to express ideas
- ...

today

- Narrative = story telling (p.24)
- Time order (p.24-28)
- Sentence structure: compound sentences:
and, but, or, so (p.29-32)
- Comma (p.33)
- The writing process

Homework

- Check out the article “[For today’s graduate, just one word: statistics](#)” (New York Times, 6 August 2009)
 1. Find out the (i) topic, (ii) main idea and (iii) subject-main verb pairs in each of the first six paragraphs.
 2. Which sentence structures do you recognize? Please give examples.
 3. Do step 1 and 2 on p.36.