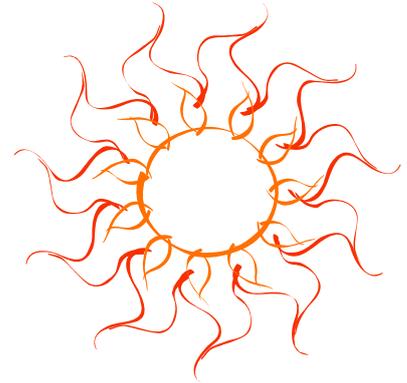


*Practice topic: Why do you enjoy the summer holidays?*

This question could be answered in a quick list: lie-ins, visiting new places, good weather, seeing friends.

A much better answer however, would take each of the reasons on the list and turn it into a full paragraph using PEE, **p**oint, **e**vidence and **e**xplanation.



Here is an example of an excellent PEE paragraph:

**Point:** The first sentence makes it clear what your paragraph is about. It gives your main argument and should directly answer the question.

**One of my favourite things about the summer holidays is being able to have a lie-in.** *In the summer I often sleep until 9am or later, because there's normally nowhere important to go. When school is on though, I have to be up at 6am which is even more difficult in the winter.* Getting enough sleep is so important and I often feel grumpy and tired without it, so I generally feel much better during the holidays.

**Evidence:** This gives clear facts to back up your points. It shows you know what you're talking about!

**Explanation:** Makes it clear how your paragraph helps to answer the question you've been asked.

*Task: Have a go at completing the other PEE paragraphs for this essay.*

1. Complete the **point** for this paragraph:

... I've been to lots of different places: some in Britain, like Cornwall and Scotland, and others much further away like Florida and Turkey. I really enjoy starting the journey and finding out about a completely different place. Everywhere I've been has had interesting places to visit. I don't have time to go away in term time.

2. Complete the **evidence** for this paragraph:

I really enjoy catching up with friends during the summer holidays ... I know I can relax and enjoy myself when I see them and I don't have to worry about school work.

3. Complete the **explanation** for this paragraph:

I love the weather during the summer. Even in Britain most days are sunny, though it does rain sometimes. Some of the best summer holidays I can remember had heat waves when the temperature crept up to 35 degrees! ...

4. Now write a whole PEE paragraph on why you enjoy the summer holidays using PEE. You could write about why seeing friends makes the summer holidays enjoyable, or chose your own reason. Use colours to highlight the point, evidence and explanation of the paragraph.