Lesson 2: Tell Tariq Why

UNIT: Festivals

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Margaret. You've been learning about festivals from around the world and all of the different traditions at these festivals. When I was learning more about the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, I found out that there are over 3,000 shows within this festival. And these shows happen on over 300 different stages.

The stages at this festival don't always look like this. Instead, Edinburgh Festival Fringe is known for their unique stages like this—the Edinburgh Castle. It's an actual castle in Scotland from the 1600s. Some shows happen here on a stage called the Utterbelly—it's a giant upside-down purple cow. Shows also happen at this soccer stadium. There are even shows that happen at hotel swimming pools.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: Which one of these stages would you want to watch a show at and why?

HOOK 2

I don't know how you answered, but I would want to watch a show performed at the Edinburgh Castle because I'm interested in seeing an actual castle up close. Look at the way the performers are marching in front of this castle.

When I explained that I wanted to see a show performed at the Edinburgh Castle because I've always wanted to see a castle up close. This part is a reason—that I want to see a show on the stage—reasons help people understand why I picked what I did.

You're getting ready to write to Tariq about which festival video you want to see and why. Before we get into your writing, let's look at how I used my notes to help me write to Tariq.

I took notes on the location, history, the food, what it looks like, and activities that happen at the festival. Since I know Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the festival video I want to see, I can now think about why.

I was most interested in the activities, so I could make that my first reason like this:

> - I want to see the video about Edinburgh Festival fringe because I'm interested in the activities.

This part is my opinion. This part is my reason why. And this word "because" helps connect it together.

DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: What reason would you pick for wanting to see this festival video?

You can use any of these reasons from my notes. Try saying your sentence like this:

> - I want to watch the Edinburgh Festival Fringe video because I'm interested in…

HOOK 3

Any of these are good reasons to pick this festival video. And all of these reasons are part of your opinion.

This is what I've written so far to Tariq:

> - I want to see the video about Edinburgh Festival Fringe because I'm interested in the activities.

That is a good reason. But when we were learning more about this festival, there were a lot of activities. Tariq might not know which one I'm most interested in watching. Here's some examples of the activities that happen at this festival.

DISCUSSION 3

Discuss: Which of these would you want to see in Tariq's video?

HOOK 4

I'm not sure how you answered, but I want to see the artwork.

The notes I took under this reason are all examples of activities that happen at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. By adding a reason and a sentence about an example to my writing, I can let my reader know exactly why I chose this option, like this:

- I want to see the video about Edinburgh Festival Fringe because I'm interested in the activities. For example, there is a lot of artwork.

Now that you've practiced using my notes to come up with a reason, an example, for an opinion, you can get started planning the first reason for your opinion in your message to Tariq.

Right now, you have an opinion sentence that you wrote in the last lesson. It probably looks like this:

- I vote to see the video about La Tomatina

Or this:

- I vote to see the video about the Harbin Ice Festival.

Today, you'll write

one reason and one example to go with your reason. This will help Tariq understand why you chose that festival.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Before you begin writing, let's review our two choices by watching some of the videos you took notes on in the last lesson.

First, let's look at all the amazing things to experience at La Tomatina.

Then we'll do the same by watching the Harbin Ice Festival.

Now get your notes.

Fold your notes in half so that you can see the festival you chose on top. If you forgot which one you chose, read your opinion sentence at the bottom of the page.

STEP 4

Now read over your notes for the festival you picked. As you're reading, think about what your first reason for your opinion is. It could be any of these.

When you're done reading, give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 5

Get your Reason 1 Draft worksheet.

Find where it says "Opinion." This is where you'll write the festival you chose. Write "La Tomatina" or "The Harbin Ice Festival" on the line.

STEP 6

Now it's time to pick your first reason. You'll pick your second reason in the next lesson.

Look at your notes and circle your first reason for your opinion. It can be any one of these.

STEP 7

Find where it says "reason" on your Reason 1 Draft worksheet.

Find the reason you picked from your Notes and circle it.

STEP 8

Your reason needs an example. Look back at your notes and draw a checkmark by the example you want to use for your reason.

It can be any of the notes listed under the reason you chose.

STEP 9

Find the box that says, "example."

Write a sentence or two about the example you picked. You can use your Word Bank to help. If you're not sure how to start your writing, you can use one of these. For example:

- I want to see
- I would like to learn more about
- The festival has

STEP 10

Your reason is all planned out. Now, you're ready to start writing.

Look at the box with your opinion sentence. This will be the first part of your first sentence.

Copy this here.

STEP 11

Before you can write your reason, you need a connecting word to connect it to your opinion.

Write the word "because" then copy "I'm interested in" and your reason. When you're done writing, read your sentence to see if it makes sense. You can make changes if you want.

STEP 12

You'll start a new sentence for your example.

You can start your sentence by using the phrase, "For example." Then copy the sentence you wrote about your example.

When you're done writing, read your sentence to see if it makes sense. You can make changes if you want.

STEP 13

One way to better explain your opinion is to have a reaction to the example by adding what you think or how it would make you feel. If your example was the messiest participant contest, you might have a reaction like this:

- I think it would be really fun to see.
- Or I feel like this would be the most epic way to end a food fight.

Write your reaction to your example where you left off. You can start your sentence like this: “I think” or “I feel.“

STEP 14

Read through your writing. As you read, make sure you have an opinion sentence, a reason, an example, and a reaction to your example.

You can make changes if you want.

STEP 15

Take turns sharing your writing for your first reason with your partner.

WRAP UP

Awesome job, writers! You now have a well written reason and example to go along with your opinion.

Now Tariq will understand your opinion a little better because he'll know why you picked that festival. Tariq wants to read two reasons about why you chose your opinion, so you'll get to work on the second reason in the next lesson.

For now, make sure you put your V.I.P.s somewhere safe. I'll see you next time.