Lesson 3: Build It with Words

UNIT: Project Treehouse

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Amy.

Check out some more of these interesting treehouses I found online.

In Thailand, there's a treehouse restaurant called Tree Pod Dining, where people eat in treehouse pods lifted into the air and their food is delivered by servers using ropes.

In Sweden, there's a treehouse called the Mirror Cube. It's covered in mirrors and reflects everything around it. So that means it looks like it almost disappears—it's like a secret hideout in the forest.

And check this one out. It's in California and it's made completely out of rope. It almost looks like a huge colorful spider web.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: Which of these treehouses would you like to visit and why?

HOOK 2

I'm not sure how you answered, but I would choose the one made out of rope because I want to climb all the way to the top.

You've been working with Project Treehouse to design a treehouse for the client you chose. Last time, you chose two parts for your client's treehouse. This is the plan for your design, but it doesn't really say much about who the client is—or why you are about to talk about these parts in the first place.

Your writing needs an introduction. An introduction is like a welcome sign: it tells your reader what you're writing is about and gets them ready to learn more.

Once you've added an introduction, you'll be ready to put all your writing into one page for your client to read. And when you're done, it'll look something like this.

Today, you'll make sure your writing is clear and has an introduction that lets your client know exactly what you designed for them.

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

Look at your Choose Your Client worksheet.

This is the plan you made for your client's treehouse design. Read over what you wrote.

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

STEP 4

Get your Treehouse Final Design worksheet.

Write your name here, and your client's name here. If you need help, you can look at who you chose on your Choose Your Client worksheet.

STEP 5

An introduction will go at the very beginning of your writing. Remember, it's like a welcome sign—It'll help let your client know what they're about to read.

For your introduction, you'll use the first sentence to introduce the client you chose. Find where it says, "I designed a tree house for..." Finish this sentence with your client's name. Don't forget to add a period at the end.

STEP 6

Think about what your client wanted when you first started designing their treehouse.

Read about your client again on your Choose Your Client worksheet, then discuss with your partner: What are some things your client wanted?

STEP 7

Continue writing on the line with a new sentence about what your client wants. If you're not sure what to write, you can use one of these examples: "She wants a place she can climb and be outside," "He wants a bright indoor space to draw and paint."

STEP 8

Now you need one last sentence that says what you did to give your client what they wanted. You can come up with your own sentence or use one of these ideas: "I designed a treehouse with parts just for Nora," or "I picked treehouse parts that will give Elliot exactly what he wants."

STEP 9

Now that you're done with your introduction, it's time to write about the first treehouse part for your client in a new section or paragraph.

To start a new section, move to the next line and use your thumb to leave a little space. This is where you'll start writing about the first treehouse part you added. Copy what you wrote here. You can add more to your writing about the first part if you want to.

STEP 10

Find the second treehouse part and reason you wrote about.

Copy what you wrote for your second part. Continue writing where you left off. You can add more to your writing about the second part if you want to.

STEP 11

It's time to check your writing. Make sure each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with punctuation.

Read through your writing and make changes if you need to.

WRAP UP

Amazing job! You finished writing your introduction and all about the parts you chose for your client. Your final Treehouse Design is almost finished. Your client will be so excited to see what you put together for them!

Next time, you'll finish up your writing and add your treehouse blueprint so that it's all ready to hand off to your client. Be sure to put your V.I.P.s somewhere safe.

See you next time!