Lesson 2: Find Your Facts

UNIT: Travel to Seoul

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Anne!

You've been gathering information to write a post on Tatiana's travel website about Seoul, South Korea. You learned what it would be like to visit Lotte World, the Sky Dome, and the Lantern Festival.

Today, you'll pick your two favorite destinations in Seoul and start writing your web post. Before drafting, writers gather information from lots of different places.

Tatiana always starts by reading lots of facts about a place she's writing about. For her upcoming post about San Diego, she's been doing a lot of reading about the Safari Park. Take a look at what she's found so far.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What do you notice about the facts Tatiana wrote while looking for information about the Safari Park?

HOOK 2

Maybe you noticed there is so much information on the page. Or maybe you noticed that not all the information is about the Safari Park. You may have come up with other ideas, too.

When writers read about a topic, they often have to carefully sort information so they only write down facts that are about their topic.

Let's help Tatiana sort her information about the Safari Park. We'll play a sorting game. I'll read each fact one at a time. If the fact I read is about the Safari Park, give a thumbs up like this. If the fact I read isn't about the Safari Park, give a thumbs down like this. Tatiana will only write down facts that have a thumbs up.

Let's get started.

- Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk is from San Diego.

Nope. That fact isn't about the Safari Park.

- The Safari Park contains over 300 species of animals.

Yep. That one is about the Safari Park.

- The giant dipper roller coaster at Belmont Park can go up to 48 mph.

Nope, that doesn't fit.

- The Wildlife Safari tour lasts one hour with a guide.

Yep. That one is about her topic.

Nice job! Tatiana's notes are all about her topic. You may have noticed she didn't copy each sentence into her notes. Instead, she wrote just a few words so she remembers the important details.

Today, you'll read about your destinations in Seoul, South Korea.

Tatiana found some information that she thinks might be helpful for you. The problem is that it's all jumbled up, so you'll need to use your sorting skills to take notes on your topics. Then, you'll be ready to start drafting.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies. You'll need two worksheets from the last lesson and one new worksheet.

STEP 2

On Tatiana's website, she writes about two destinations from each city.

On your Destinations worksheet, circle the names of the two places you liked the most. Then, near the titles, label them number one and number two.

These are just examples. You can choose any two you like.

STEP 3

Let's play the sorting game again.

If you hear a fact about Lotte World, put your hands up like this—like you're on a silent roller coaster. Practice that motion now.

If you hear a fact about the Sky Dome, pretend you're silently singing into a microphone, like this. Try it.

And lastly, if you hear a fact about the Lantern Festival, use your arms to make a big lantern, like this. Practice that now.

When you're ready to play the game, move on to the next step.

STEP 4

Let's play the sorting game. Silently show the motion that matches each fact.

Here we go!

- The Seoul Lantern Festival is two weeks long.
- The most popular ride at Lotte World is Atlantis.
- The arena has high-tech speakers and lights.
- Lotte World has over 40 rides.
- Sky Dome concerts are loud.
- There are over 30,000 lanterns at the festival.

Nice job!

STEP 5

Now get your Destinations worksheet. We've written these facts as notes for you.

Write these notes from the game we played into the matching section on your worksheet.

Only add the facts that match the destinations you circled.

STEP 6

Writers use only a few words to jot notes, like turning this, into this.

Now, get your Seoul Facts worksheet.

We already sorted the first three pieces of information together.

On your own, read the rest of the facts one at a time. Decide which destination they match with.

Take about five minutes to jot as many notes as you can. Remember, only write notes about the two destinations you circled.

STEP 7

Now that you have lots of information, you're ready to draft your first paragraph. To make space on your desk, you can put your Seoul Facts and Word Bank pages to the side. Then get your Web Page Draft worksheet.

STEP 8

Find the destination that you labeled as number one.

Write the name of that destination in the "Title" box on your Web Page Draft.

This is just an example. Your destination may be different.

STEP 9

Writers begin paragraphs with a topic sentence.

Here's what Tatiana wrote on her Web Page Draft:

- The Safari Park is an amazing place to visit.

Start at the arrow and write your topic sentence. You can use Tatiana's example or come up with your own.

STEP 10

When Tatiana drafts her paragraph, she takes one of her facts and writes it as a complete sentence, like this:

- One thing visitors can do is take a ride on the Wildlife Safari.

Sometimes, Tatiana sees two related facts that she can put together into one sentence, like this:

- The tour takes about an hour and is with a guide who can teach you all about the animals.

While you're writing today, you can turn each fact into its own sentence or combine facts to make longer sentences.

Look at your notes about the destination you chose. Choose one fact you want to write about first. Put a checkmark next to that fact.

STEP 11

Using the fact that has a checkmark, write a sentence on your Web Page. If you want, you can put two facts in your sentence using one of these connecting words: and, which, or such as. For each fact you use, mark it with a checkmark.

STEP 12

Use your notes to draft the rest of your paragraph. You can use these sentence starters or come up with your own.

Continue adding checkmarks to facts as you write sentences about them. See if you can add them all.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to draft today.

STEP 13

Nice job, writers! You're the star of the show.

Today, you sorted facts about your destinations and drafted your first paragraph. In the next lesson, you'll draft the other destination you're going to include in your web post.

Before you go, make sure your V.I.P.s get put somewhere safe. I'll see you next time!