

WRITING –
DOING IT
WRONG

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10TH ELT MALTA
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The 10th ELT Malta Conference will be held
Online via Zoom on **FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2021** and at
InterContinental Malta, St. Julian's on **SATURDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2021**

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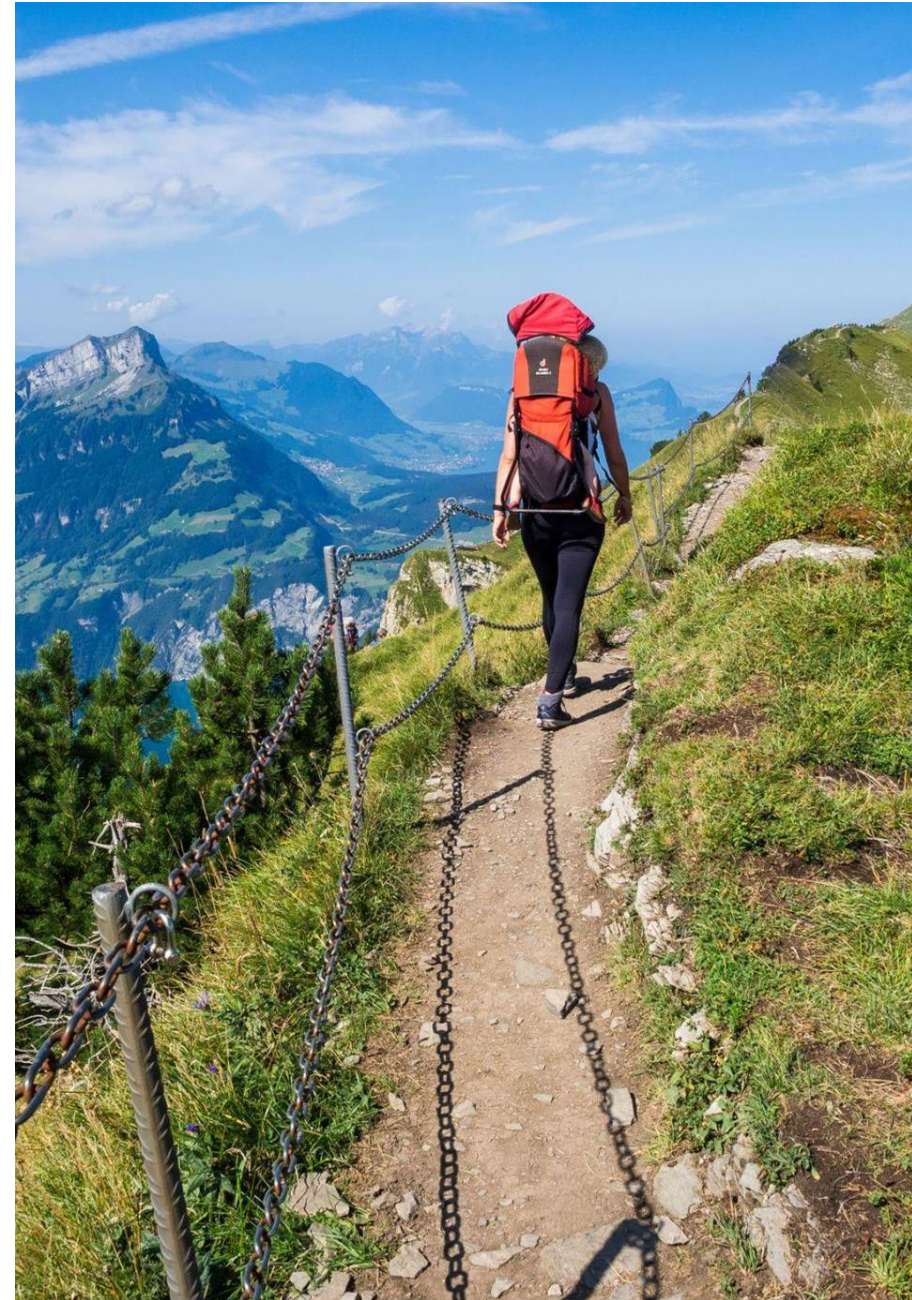
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Session goals

- Three problems you may have
- What I did wrong
- Why teach writing
- First steps – baby steps



Bingo!

Guess my problems

"Writing is not thinking written down
after all of the thinking is completed.

Writing is thinking", Donald M. Murray

<https://fast-poll.com/poll/87059c14>



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Wrong belief: 'exam mind'

Process writing	Product writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• text as a resource for comparison• ideas as starting point• more than one draft• more global, focus on purpose, theme, text type, i.e., reader is emphasised• collaborative• emphasis on creative process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• imitate model text• organisation of ideas more important than ideas themselves• one draft• features highlighted including controlled practice of those features• individual• emphasis on end product

What does a writing class write?

Business writing:

In class: Memo to Instructor, Positive/ Informative Message, Persuasive Message, Negative Message, Résumé, Job Application

at home: Discussion, Short Report Project

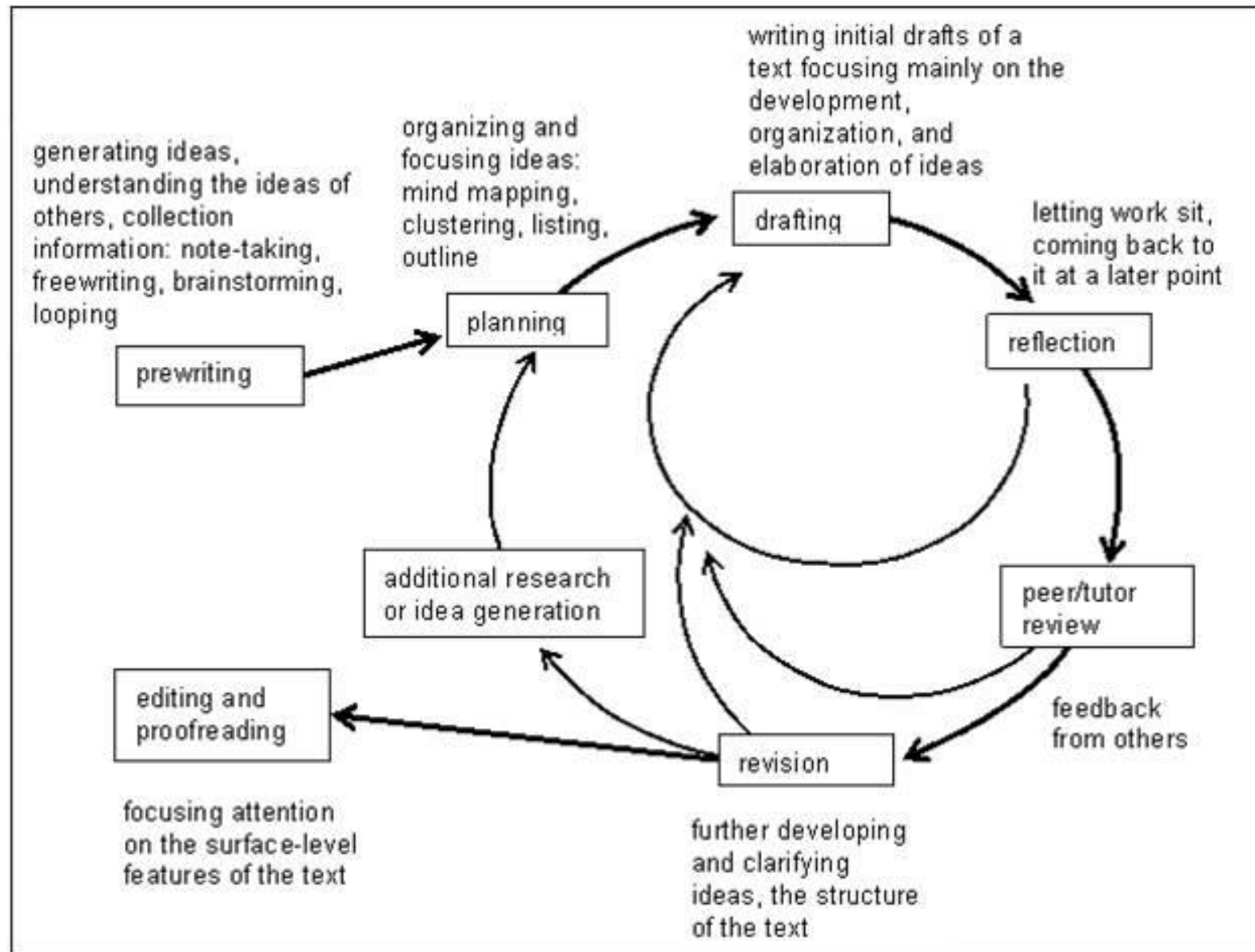
ESL writing:

In class: Summary and Response, Comparison and Contrast, Cause and Effect, Argument,

Research/Bibliography/Literature review, Timed - writing

at home: Discussion, Portfolio, Reflections

What it should be like



Coffin et al.
Writing Process

What it is like

How we practice writing



Why do we need to teach writing?

- It is a way of developing accuracy (in grammar, vocabulary, etc.).
- It is a 21st century skill.
- It is in the syllabus....





What is the first step?

Baby steps:

- WRIT 1000
- Pretend you are a student: FutureLearn, Coursera...



Remember:

Teaching is thinking, too.





Thank you!

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