Academic English II – Fall 2019

Self-assessment for Final Exercise opinion essay

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| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Does the introductory paragraph of your essay contain a **topic sentence** (thesis statement) that clearly describes: 1) a topic and 2) a controlling idea (opinion) about the topic? (see Unit 1 Writing Skill (p.17) to review) |
|  |  | Did you underline the thesis statement in your essay? |
|  |  | Does the essay include two or more **body paragraphs** to explain the supporting details (reasons, examples, facts, etc.) for your thesis statement? (see Unit 3 (p.67), Unit 4 (p.91) to review) |
|  |  | Did you use a variety of sentences to make your writing more interesting to read?  What types: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (see Unit 7 (p.167) to review) |
|  |  | Did you use transition words to create a smooth connection from one paragraph to the next? (see Unit 5 (p.113) to review) |
|  |  | Did you use modals to express your opinion in the essay? (see Unit 4 (p.93) to review) |
|  |  | Does the essay have a clear **conclusion** (concluding paragraph) that restates the opinion and summarizes the reasons? (see Unit 1 (p.17), Unit 4 (p.91) to review) |
|  |  | Is the first line of each paragraph indented? |
|  |  | Does each sentence start with a capital letter and end with appropriate punctuation (e.g., a period)? |
|  |  | Is each word spelled correctly? Check a dictionary if you are not sure. |