Academic English II – Fall 2018

Self-assessment for Final Exercise opinion essay

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| Yes | No |  |
| □ | □ | Does the introductory paragraph of your essay contain a **topic sentence** 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 topic sentence in your essay? |
| □ | □ | Does the essay include two or more **body paragraphs** that each provide 2-3 supporting details (reasons, examples, facts, etc.)? (see Unit 3 (p.67), Unit 4 (p.91) 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. |