WRITING

- WRITING PROCESS

The Writing Process

- Writing is not just about putting words on paper.
- It’s a **process** that helps you **think**, **organize**, and **express ideas clearly**.
- Good writing takes **planning, effort, and revision**.
- The writing process has **three main stages**:

  - prewriting

  - writing

  - revising and editing

Prewriting: Planning Your Ideas

- Prewriting is the first and most important step.
- You generate ideas, think about your topic, and organize your thoughts **before** you begin writing.

Why is it important?

- It helps you avoid writer’s block and gives your writing a clear direction.

Common Prewriting Strategies:

Strategy	How It Works	Example
Brainstorming	Write down all ideas that come to your mind. Don't worry about order or grammar.	Topic: "My Favorite Holiday" → family trip, beach, swimming, food, relaxing
Clustering / Mind Mapping	Write your topic in the center and draw lines to connect related ideas.	Topic: "School" → subjects, friends, teachers, clubs, lunch
Listing	Make a list of main points or things to include.	Topic: "Learning English" → vocabulary, speaking, grammar, watching videos
Questioning	Ask WH-questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?	Topic: "A Special Memory" → Who was there? What happened? Where was it?
Outlining	Organize your ideas into a basic structure.	I. Introduction → II. Main Idea 1 → III. Main Idea 2 → IV. Conclusion

Brainstorming

- Write **all the ideas** that come to your mind about a topic.
- Don’t worry about grammar or order.

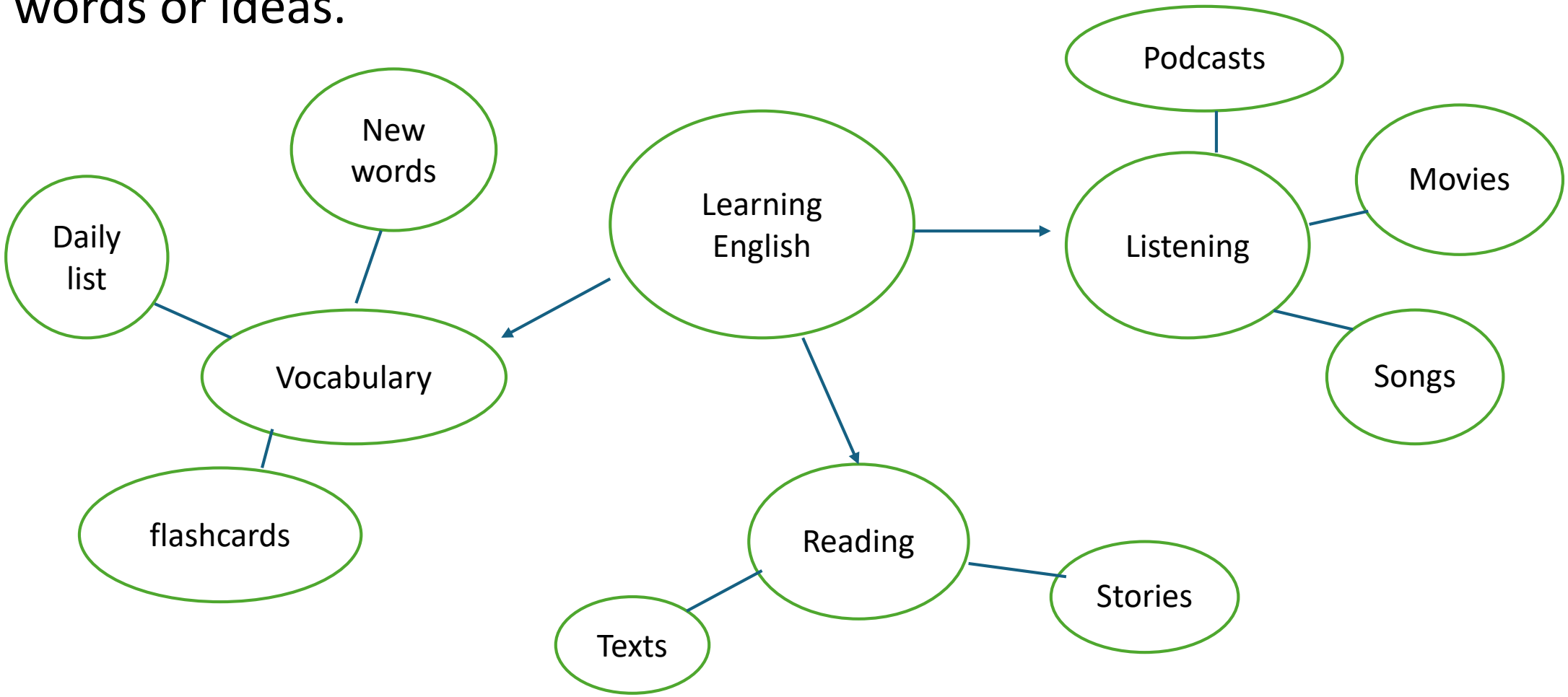
Topic: *My Favorite Season*

Brainstorming Ideas:

- Summer
- Long days
- Beach
- Travel
- Sun
- Hot weather
- Swimming
- Ice cream
- No school

Clustering / Mind Mapping

- Write your **main topic in the centre** and draw lines to connect related words or ideas.



Listing

- write a **simple list** of things you want to include in your paragraph.

Topic: *My Best Friend*

List Example:

- Name: Ayşe
- Kind and funny
- Likes reading and swimming
- Helps me with homework
- We talk every day
- Always supports me

Questioning (WH-Questions)

- Ask yourself **who, what, when, where, why, how** to develop your ideas.

Topic: *A Special Day in My Life*

Question	**Answer**
Who?	My family and I
What?	Went to the amusement park
When?	Last summer
Where?	In Antalya
Why?	It was my birthday
How?	We went by car, had fun, took photos

Writing: Creating Your First Draft

In this stage, you start writing your **first draft** using the ideas from prewriting. You focus on **ideas and organization**, not grammar or spelling.

What to include:

- **A clear topic sentence**
- **Supporting sentences** with examples or details
- **A concluding sentence**

Revising and Editing: Improving Your Writing

What is Revising?

Revising means **looking at your content and organization**. You ask yourself:

- Do my ideas make sense?
- Do I need to add more details or examples?
- Should I delete something?
- Are the ideas in a good order?

What is Editing?

- Editing means **checking grammar, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure**. It's the final polish to make your writing clear and correct.

Revising Example:

Original Sentence: I like drawing. It is nice. I do it when I feel bad.

Revised Sentence: I like drawing because it helps me feel better when I’m sad or stressed. It is a relaxing and creative hobby.

Editing Example:

Original : My favorit subject is English becouse it fun and I like learn new word.

Edited: My favorite subject is English because it’s fun, and I like learning new words.

Useful Revision Checklist (for a paragraph)

✓ Do I have a topic sentence?

✓Does my topic sentence include a topic and a controlling idea?

✓ Are there 2–3 strong supporting ideas? Are they related to the main idea?

✓ Do I explain each point clearly? Is there enough support?

✓ Is there a title?

✓ Did I use linking words (First, Also, However)?

✓ Does my paragraph have a conclusion?

✓ Is the punctuation, spelling , and grammar correct?

Your Turn

Choose **ONE** of the topics below and write a paragraph by following these steps:

- use one or more prewriting strategies.
- write your first draft
- revise your draft by improving the content and use the checklist
- edit your writing to fix grammar, spelling, punctuation, and word choice

TOPICS:

- A special day in your life
- How to improve English
- Your favorite kind of music, sport, or movies