

WRITING SYNTHESIS: Lesson 7 - An Interview with a Footballer

Sports, Fair Play & Essay Organizing Principles for Secondary Level

Objective: Master sports terminology, present perfect continuous structures, and step 2 of process writing

Track: Secondary Level

1. Core Thematic Concepts

This lesson explores professional sports ethics, team integration, and the values of fair play:

A. Sportsmanship & Fair Play

Core values emphasized in professional football:

- **Fair Play:** Respecting rules, opponents, and referees while promoting honesty and integrity on and off the pitch.
- **FIFA:** The international governing body of association football.
- **Team Integration:** Adapting to a new club environment, culture, and teammates (as seen in David Beckham's transfer from Manchester United to Real Madrid, the "all-stars" team).

2. Key Vocabulary for Essays

Incorporate these advanced terms to elevate your writing style and precision:

- **Fair-play:** Respect for the rules and opponents in sports.
- **Integration:** The process of fitting successfully into a new club or culture.
- **Expectations:** Strong beliefs about what will happen or be achieved in the future.
- **Opportunity:** A set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.

3. Grammar Focus: Present Perfect Continuous vs. Simple

Master temporal duration structures:

- **Structure:** *have/has + been + verb-ing* (e.g., *"I have been playing for 12 years"* or *"I have been eager since I signed"*).
- **Usage:** Expressing actions that started in the past and continue into the present, or emphasizing the duration of an ongoing activity.

4. Writing Process: Step 2 – Organizing Information & Ideas

How to structure Step 2 of Process Writing:

- **a. Topic Sentence:** Sort out a main idea that acts as the core pillar for your paragraph.
- **b. Supporting Details:** Find closely related ideas, facts, or examples that reinforce your topic sentence.
- **c. Eliminating Irrelevance:** Cross out any details that stray away from the main idea.
- **d. Logical Connectors:** Select appropriate linkers based on the relationship between ideas (e.g., addition like *"furthermore"*, opposition like *"however"*, contrast like *"whereas"*).