

**Sample 1:**

E.g: My aunt is a successful business owner.

More effective:

My aunt is a successful business owner because she is hardworking, open-minded, and clever.

**Sample 2:**

E.g: In this essay, I will discuss two qualities of the singer Madonna.

More effective:

Madonna uses creative beats and thoughtful lyrics in her songs, which makes her popular all the time.

**Sample 3:**

E.g: I think that nuclear power stations have some harmful effects on the environment.

More effective:

It is thought that nuclear power stations have some harmful effects on the environment.

**Sample 4:**

Technology has developed rapidly in the last fifty years, and this development has mainly occurred in communication and transportation. Television, for instance, is one of the most important inventions of the 20th century in communication. It has had a great influence on people of all ages, especially on children. Despite some positive effects that TV provides children with, the concern about its negative effects is increasing day by day. Indeed, it is believed that TV may cause health problems, prevent children from developing other interests, and offer them a wrong picture of human relations.

**Sample 5:**

Is there any item of clothing more useless than a necktie? Why do intelligent men wear pieces of clothes around their necks and tighten them? At one time, people wore neck coverings for a reason. Ties protected them from nature and even attack. In 2nd century Rome, speakers and soldiers wore neck scarves called “fascalias” to cover their throats from heat, cold, and dust. Later in Croatia, people adopted the Roman neck cloths to guard against the weather. In 18th century England, neck cloths were so thick that they reportedly prevented injuries in battle (Fellag, 2010). The necktie may be useless now, but it remains popular because of pressures of fashion and social status.



**Sample 6:**

Famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma can hear one musical note, such as D sharp (D#), and immediately name it. And if you say the name of a musical note, he can sing it perfectly. Where does this special musical ability come from? Why do some people have it, but not others? And is it really special? Is it even musical? Researchers think that this special ability to hear musical notes may come from a person's language because of some reasons.

**Sample 7:**

Most actors learn their lines by reading a script. But what about an actor who has dyslexia? Dyslexia is a learning disability that makes it hard for people to read and write. Dyslexic people may know a word on one page, and all the words and letters just look mixed up on the next page. Often, they have trouble spelling, especially with vowels. Although Whoopi Goldberg has this disability, she tried really hard to overcome it, and she has made a brilliant career in acting.

**Sample 8:**

Every year, people around the world eat approximately 30 billion (30,000,000,000) pizzas (Blanchard & Bonesteel, 2010). That's a lot of pizza! Do you like pizza? If you are like most people, the answer is yes. In fact, pizza is one of the most popular foods in the world. Ninety-three percent of Americans eat pizza at least once a week. Pizza is very popular because it is delicious, cheap and fast.

**Sample 9:**

Nature or Nurture?

All human beings are born, grow up, and die. And the most important feature of human beings that makes them different from animals is the fact that we have character. Have you ever thought at what stage of life our character shapes? For many years, scientists have been discussing the elements that determine our character and at what stage of existence it shapes. The question is that does it shape in the womb of our mothers, or later as we are growing up? Research shows nurture, education and environment, plays a more important role in determining people's personality rather than nature, genetic codes.

**\* Sample thesis statements and sample paragraphs from 4-8 have been adapted from *Reading to Writing*, by Blanchard & Bonesteel (Ed. Fellag), Pearson – Longman, 2010.**