<b>Lesson and Title:</b> Writing Lesson – How to write an opinion paragraph	Grade: Intermediate	<b>Duration:</b> 50 minutes

## **Objectives:**

By the end of the lesson, the students will have;

- > Analyzed an opinion paragraph through a model paragraph
- > Discovered the components of an opinion paragraph
- > Prepared an outline to write their own paragraphs as homework

STAGE	STAGE AIM	TIMING	TEACHER ACTIVITY	INTERACTION PATTERN	MATERIALS/AIDS
Warm-up	To activate students' prior knowledge and introduce the topic of the next activity.	5'	Teacher greets the students and elicits what they did in the previous lesson.  Teacher asks some questions to make them familiar with the topic.  Why did the author write the text they read in the previous lesson?  What was the text about? (overpopulation)  What are the consequences of overpopulation?  Are there any negative consequences?  Are there any positive consequences?  What should be done to overcome overpopulation problems?  What precautions should be taken by the government?	Pair-work	Making Connections 2 Unit 4 Reading Text (Cambridge University Press)
Exposure	To model an opinion paragraph		Teacher introduces an opinion paragraph about the precautions by governments for overpopulation. Teachers asks students some	Groupwork	

	for further		questions to help them analyse an opinion		
	practices.	10'	paragraph?		
			How many parts are there in the paragraph?		
			Which sentence is the topic sentence?		
			What is the function of topic sentence?		
			How many reasons are given to support the topic		
			sentence?		
			How many examples support each reason?		
			Which sentence is the concluding sentence?		
			What is the function of the concluding sentence?		
			The students work in groups of three and answer		
			these questions.		
			Teacher elicits the answers from the students and		
			draw the outline of an opinion paragraph.		
Useful				Group work	Useful Language chart
Language			Teacher introduces some useful language to be		Incomplete opinion paragraph
			used in writing opinion paragraph and an		
	To raise the		incomplete opinion paragraph. The students		
	students'		work in groups of four and complete the opinion		
	awareness of		paragraph by using the useful language chart.		
	opinion paragraph				
	writing and		Teacher also introduces two different strategies		
	highlight and		called OREO and Diagram to outline an opinion		
	clarify useful		paragraph and ask the students work in pair and		
	language.	15	prepare an outline using one of the strategies for		
			the paragraph they have just completed.		
Productive			Teacher gives a prompt related to overpopulation	Individual work	OREO and DIAGRAM
Task			and ask the students to prepare an outline using	Pair-work	strategy outline templates
			the strategy they have chosen (OREO or		
	To provide an		Diagram.)		
	opportunity to	4 =	Prompt: More houses are needed in many		
		15	countries to cope with increasing populations.		

	practice target productive skills		Would it be better to build houses in existing towns/cities, or to develop new towns in rural areas? What do you think?		
			When students finish their outline, teacher asks the student work in pairs and give feedback for each other's outline.		
Feedback & Wrapping- up	To make students focus on the common mistakes to correct them		While the teacher is monitoring, she notes down common students' mistakes and writes them on the board, Then, she asks students to correct them.	Whole Class	
	To revise what has been taught	5'	T asks students some questions such as How many parts are there in an opinion paragraph? What does a topic sentence tell us? How many reasons should be written? What are the transition words to be used in an opinion paragraph? What is the function of a concluding sentence?		
Homework			The students will be asked to write an opinion paragraph based on the outline they have prepared in the lesson.	Individual	