

Reading Skill 5

文章の構成

文章とは、いくつかのパラグラフの集合体です。説明文や論説文などの文章では、それぞれのパラグラフは序論・本論・結論の3つの部分に分けられます。この構造を念頭において読めば、長い文章でも、どのあたりにどんな情報が書いてあるのかを予測できます。

序論・本論・結論の内容



序論・本論・結論はそれぞれ次のような内容を表します。ほかに、文章によっては、序論の前に導入（主題への興味づけ）のパラグラフが入ることもあります。また、文章によっては、結論のパラグラフがない場合もあります。

序論 主題の提示 ・問題提起	<p>It is often said that Japanese students are not good at speaking English. This is not always because English education in Japan does not work well. But it is because a lot of Japanese students lack the training of expressing their own opinions even in Japanese.</p>
本論 具体的な説明 や事例	<p>If you ever attend classes with American students, you will notice many differences between them and Japanese students immediately. American students like to challenge the teacher. They often ask questions. But whenever Japanese students are asked to give their opinions to the whole class, they usually hesitate to do so.</p>
結論 全体のまとめや 筆者の主張	<p>Indeed, it is important for Japanese students to learn foreign languages, especially English. But it is more important for these students to express their ideas logically in Japanese as well as in English.</p>

New words

hesitate [hɪzɪteɪt] logically [lədʒɪkli]

A as well as B

PRACTICE

1～5は1つの文章を並べ替えたものです。下の()に該当する番号を入れなさい。
 導入 () →序論 () →本論 () () →結論 ()

- 1 Most Japanese think that Japan is the best country to live in all over the world. Some even consider it more beautiful than any other country.
- 5 But is that true?
- 2 In fact, in Canada, winter is when people go underground to shop. All the larger cities have huge indoor or underground shopping malls. When it is cold outside, you can go to a mall and shop, see a movie, or have a meal — all indoors.
- 10 3 People in different regions have various ways of life. Climate and environment seem to be the major influences on these lifestyles. For example, Canada has a long, cold winter. So Canadians prepare for winter by equipping their homes with storm windows. Snow tires and antifreeze are important for their cars.
- 15 4 A famous Canadian writer once said that life in Canada was made up of preparing for winter, enduring winter and recovering from winter. And by doing that, Canadians enjoy their winter life. It is safe to say that people can create their own way of life or culture by adapting to the environment.
- 20 5 But at the same time, with so much winter, it is not surprising that Canadians are good at winter sports. Resorts like Whistler and Lake Louise attract skiers from Europe and Japan. Ice hockey is so popular that it is more religion than sport.

New words

indoor [ɪndoʊr] mall [mɔ:l] lifestyle [laɪfstaɪl] equip [ɪkwɪp] tire [taɪr] antifreeze [æntɪfriːz]

endure [enˈdju:r] adapt [ədˈapt] resort [rɪˈzɔ:t] Whistler [wɪstlər] Louise [lu:z]

skier [skiər] hockey [hóki]

equip A with B be made up of A adapt to A

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1. 英文を読むのに役立つリーディング・スキルを学習するページです。
2. 基本を理解する解説ページと練習問題 (PRACTICE) のページで構成されます。