**Course: English composition II**

**Course code: ENGL102**

**Topic: Classification Paragraph**

**Skill: Grammar**

Principle of classification

1. Sort things into useful categories.
2. Make sure all the categories follow a single organizing principle.
3. Give examples that fit into each category.

Finding Categories

This is a key step in writing a classification essay. To classify, or sort, things in a logical way, find the categories to put them into for example say you need to sort the stack of papers on your desk. Before you would put them in random piles, you would decide what useful categories might be: papers that can be thrown away; papers that need immediate action; papers to read; papers to pass on to other coworkers; or papers to file.

Los párrafos descriptivos tienen diferentes usos como cuestión o una anécdota, por lo cual se pueden utilizar diversos temas.

Para identificar un párrafo de clasificación, la mayoría de las veces comienzan enumerando las diferentes formas que se puede clasificar el asunto.

Types of categories:

| Type of Topic Sentence | Definition | Example |
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| Overview or Specific Preview | Previews the points to be discussed in the paragraph(s) | The holiday of Thanksgiving is a tradition started by the Pilgrims and Indians. Together they shared the fruits of the newly settled America. |
| Shocker | A shocking statement or fact | Can you believe the first Thanksgiving was almost four hundred years ago! Think about how many people celebrated Thanksgiving during all of those years. |
| Descriptive | A description of a connected event | Hot juicy turkey, ruby red cranberries and spiced pumpkin pie. These are some of the words that describe Thanksgiving. |
| Personal Anecdote | A personal connection to the topic | My favorite holiday of all is Thanksgiving. When I think of Thanksgiving, I think of food, family and fun. |
| Question | Ask a question connected to the topic | What would America be like today if there had never been the first Thanksgiving? Would our country's history be the same today? |

Use of nouns to introduce categories

A noun is typically used to identify any of a class of people, places, or things common noun, or to name a particular proper noun.

**Example:**

Rock Music

There are three different types of rock music, alternative rock, classic rock, and hard rock, also known as metal. Alternative rock features a steady bass drum laying down the beat, with easy flowing guitar riffs over the top. The bass line is toned town, and the lyrics are sung with intensity an authority. Depending on the song, the guitars can either be acoustic guitars or electric guitars. Classic rock combines a steady driving bass drum sound, with high snare overtones, steady and often repeating guitar riffs, and an intensive bass line. The guitars are more often than not all electric guitars, and distortion is rarely used. The lyrics are sung with style and enthusiasm. Hard rock, or metal, features a hard rolling bass drum with an abundant amount of cymbal work. This style of rock uses several electric guitars with heavy distortion to bring a very intense sound. A hard, intense, driving bass line rounds out the style. The lyrics aren't really sung so much as screamed. It doesn't matter what your preference is, each different style of rock music is unique on its own.

**Exercise:**

Instructions: Name 3 topics of which you can write a classification paragraph on

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