

The "SEE - I" Method of Clear Writing



It stands for State, Elaborate, Exemplify, and Illustrate.

The SEE-I method provides a way to clearly communicate an idea in any type of writing.

The key factor that makes it powerful is that it offers a defined structure to follow, step by step.

The SEE-I Method has the following four steps:

1. **State** the idea in a single sentence.
 - Clearly state the idea.
2. **Elaborate** upon the idea by restating the first sentence with different words.
 - You could start with **"In other words"** or **"To put it simply"**
3. **Exemplify** - show evidence of the idea by providing 3 examples.
 - Three examples are best, but not always possible.
 - First example should start with **"For example"**
 - Second example should start with **"Additionally"**
 - Third example should start with **"Furthermore"**
 - Each example should have 2 sentences of detail
4. **Illustrate** the idea with a metaphor or simile that uses strong visual language, and if possible, add a relevant quote. This adds artistic flare to your writing.
 - Metaphors make poetic comparisons, such as "My wife **is** a shining star".
 - Similes make poetic comparisons to show similarities, such as "My wife **is like** an angel".
 - Make sure to explain your metaphor or simile by including **"because"** or **"as"**, then offering more detail.
 - Sometimes you can include a quote of an expert who relates to the point you are making. You could start with **"According to"** or **"To quote an expert on the matter"**

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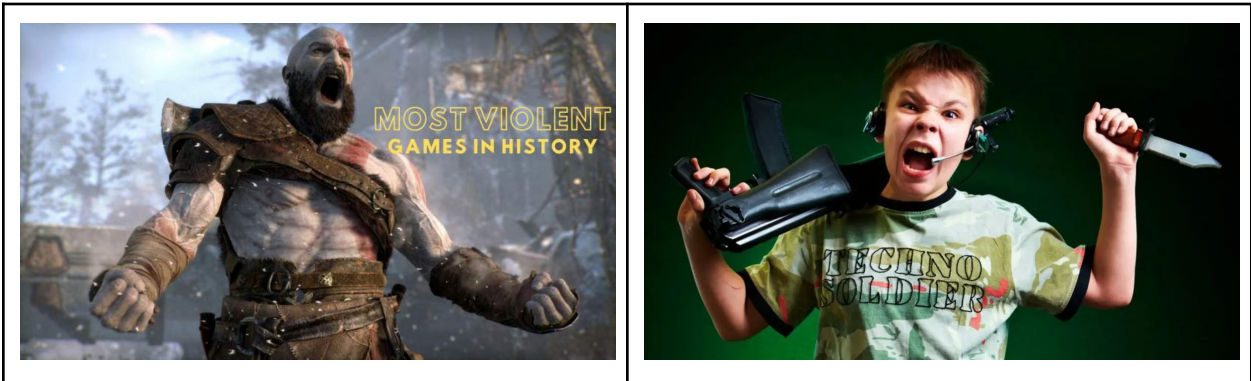
Choose Two Ideas to Clarify (or make your own)

“Which is better: being healthy or being wealthy?”



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“Is music important for children growing up?”



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“The best part about Canada / China / my city is _____”



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