Components of Effective Writing Essay (Relationships):

Additional Information

1. Once again, the topic of the essay is: Individuals who are searching for an ideal life partner may have an idea in their minds of what they want to find. In your essay, identify the qualities that individuals should look for when they search for their soul mates, and explain why they should look for these qualities.
2. Do not begin the essay without first planning for it. For example, use questions for probing to move from a general subject to a specific topic. One such question is “What caused it?” and you can use it to generate reasons that explain the success of your parents’ marriage. In turn, you may realize that you can include some of these reasons in your essay. Read chapter 2 in *Patterns for College Writing*, which begins on page 29, for information about planning.
3. Write a three-pronged thesis statement, and place it as the last sentence in the introduction. Consult the study guide for Quiz #1 for information about this type of thesis, and consult pages 44-47 in *Patterns for College Writing*.
4. Begin each body paragraph with a topic sentence. Consult pages 55-56 in *Patterns for College Writing*.
5. In the body paragraphs, explain why individuals should look for the qualities that you have chosen to discuss in your essay. For instance, if you want a soul mate with good hygiene habits, explain why your potential soul mate should have them. Consult pages 55-60 in *Patterns for College Writing* for information about the qualities of an effectively written body paragraph.
6. Avoid second person pronouns in your essay because they are vague. These pronouns include “you,” “your,” “yourself,” and other similar pronouns. Instead, use first and third person pronouns. First person pronouns include “I,” “me,” “myself,” and other similar pronouns referring to the writer, whereas third person pronouns include “he,” “she,” “one,” “they,” and other similar pronouns referring to individuals other than the writer.